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**'We'll win again
 — but
 Spurs are good'**
warns Ronnie Whelan

RONNIE Whelan, the young man who set Liverpool on their way to last season's Milk Cup Final success, does not see the Charity Shield showpiece as a guide to fortunes in the new season.

Ironically, Liverpool's opponents are Tottenham, who did so well for so long, but, almost inevitably, crumbled in that Final last March.

"The Charity Shield is a one-off," says Whelan. "It comes so soon on top of the pre-season preparation that it cannot possibly give away any clues."

"Players are still finding their feet. No rhythm or pattern has been established."

"But I'm confident we will win the trophy for the third time in four years."

Such was Whelan's impact on Liverpool's charge towards honours last season that he went on to win the Robinson's Young Player of the Year award. Great things are expected of him again this term.

Terry McDermott scored the only goal as Liverpool beat West Ham in the 1980 Charity Shield game (below).

TWO of football's most famous First Division clubs, Liverpool and Spurs, clash on Saturday in Wembley's traditional showpiece opening to the new season, the F.A. Charity Shield.

Clubs have contested the trophy since 1908 but rarely has a match promised so much to fans as this epic North v South battle between Liverpool, League Champions for a record 13 times, and

"Of course I'm aware that people will be watching my progress from now on with a more critical eye," says the Irishman, whom Joe Mercer believes could have more of an impact on the game than the great Peter Doherty.

"There's more pressure now, but I would rather have it that way than be on the fringe at Anfield wondering when I would get a chance."

"Last season was like a dream," says Whelan. "So much happened — and so quickly. But I can only continue to do the best I can."

Scoring

Whelan turned the Milk Cup Final Liverpool's way, scoring four minutes before the end of normal time, and again in extra-time. Ian Rush added the third in a 3-1 win.

Tottenham played well for a long time, and impressed Whelan.

"They're obviously a good team," he says. "But I don't think they'll do as well this season without Ossie Ardiles. He had a tremendous impact in the middle of the field."

"That's not to say they won't be chasing honours, though. They have too much ability still not to be in the hunt."

It will be a major surprise if Liverpool fail to produce the goods at some stage, no matter which way the Charity Shield game swings. Ronnie Whelan will doubtless play a big part in any further Liverpool success.



Wembley's Charity clashes

1974 Liverpool 1, Leeds 1
(Liverpool won 6-5 on penalties)
 What a first Wembley Charity Shield! Liverpool's Kevin Keegan and Billy Bremner of Leeds were sent-off for fighting! After Trevor Cherry (Leeds) and Phil Boersma (Liverpool) had scored, the Anfield club won 6-5 on penalties.

1975 Derby 2, West Ham 0
 A quieter affair as League Champions Derby won with goals from Kevin Hector and Roy McFarland.

1976 Liverpool 1, Southampton 0
 A second-half goal from John Toshack was enough to give the Shield to Liverpool.

1977 Liverpool 0, Manchester United 0
 The real talking point was the debut of Liverpool's £400,000 striker Kenny Dalglish. If unspectacular, he showed some great touches on the ball.

1978 Nottingham Forest 5, Ipswich 0
 Champions Forest blitzed Cup-holders Ipswich with goals from Martin O'Neill (two), Peter Withe, Larry Lloyd and John Robertson to record the biggest win since 1968.

1979 Liverpool 3, Arsenal 1
 Liverpool's devastating football was rewarded with two goals from Terry McDermott and one from Kenny Dalglish, with a consolation from Alan Sunderland for Arsenal.

1980 Liverpool 1, West Ham 0
 Liverpool's fifth appearance in seven years saw them win with a goal by Terry McDermott.

1981 Aston Villa 2, Tottenham 2
 A highly entertaining game with the Shield deservedly shared. Villa's two-goal hero was Peter Withe with a couple from Tottenham's Mark Falco.

START TO SEASON!

Spurs, seven times winners of the F.A. Cup.

Liverpool's all-star line-up will include Irish midfield discovery Ronnie Whelan, starting his second full season in the famous red shirt.

Facing him behind Tottenham's powerful defence will be Ray Clemence, veteran of many memorable battles with both Liverpool and now Spurs.

RAY Clemence is preparing for the Charity Shield game against Liverpool with two burning ambitions.

"Firstly I want to make up for my dismal showing in last season's Charity Shield. It was my first big game for Spurs and I desperately wanted to prove to the fans that I was going to be an asset to the club. Instead, I let in two goals and the game turned into a bad dream.

"Secondly, I want us to walk off winners. It's every player's ambition to help to beat his old club, and I'm no exception, despite having won so many honours in Liverpool's colours."

Since Ray joined the White Hart Lane club in the close season of 1981, Spurs have met Liverpool twice in the League and in the 1982 League Cup Final, now the Milk Cup.

"It's ironic that in all three games we took the lead yet still failed to beat them.

"I played at Anfield and Wembley, when we lost, but I was one of several Spurs players who missed the 2-2 draw at White Hart Lane through injury."

But while Liverpool are likely to field the same title-winning line-up, Spurs will be without key players such as Steve Perryman and Ossie Ardiles.

"There's a slim chance Steve will have recovered sufficiently from his abdominal operation to lead us, and don't forget we were without Ossie when we beat QPR in the F.A. Cup Final. Sure, we've

Ray Clemence's promise

'Nightmare last year — winner this year'

got a less settled side than Liverpool, but we're now in the fortunate position of having some excellent reserves to call on.

"And I'm convinced several of our regulars are set to improve on last year's performances. Graham Roberts is in sparkling form. And Glenn Hoddle is determined to make the extra effort to become world-class. Glenn is the type who can win matches on his own.

'Improve'

"The new season is also going to be a big test for the young Liverpool players who made their breakthrough last time. Ronnie Whelan and Ian Rush — they could improve or fade out. The 'keeper, Bruce Grobbelaar, seems to have stopped being a showman and taken the job really seriously.

"Although Liverpool have the makings, they've some way to go before they can establish the same understanding between each other as some of their previous great teams. They've still got weaknesses we can exploit."

Would beating Liverpool enhance Spurs' chances of



Ray can only watch in horror after his error allowed Peter Withe to score the first of his two goals for Aston Villa in last year's Charity Shield (left).

FOR THE RECORD

Liverpool

Winners: 1966, 1976, 1979
Runners-up: 1921, 1971
Shared: 1964, 1965, 1974, 1977

Tottenham

Winners: 1920, 1951, 1961, 1962
Runners-up: 1919
Shared: 1967, 1981

winning the Championship?

"Obviously it would give us some sort of psychological boost. But it would be absurd to read too much into the result, whichever way it goes, simply because after the close season lay-off, players will not be completely match-fit or as fiercely competitive as they will be for important games later on.

"No discredit to the Charity Shield, but it's not taken as seriously as winning the League or

either of the two domestic Cups.

"But it's a great day out for the fans and the players. Wembley is a wonderful place and any match there is a big occasion.

"It's nice to start the season with the chance to win a trophy, and add another memento to your personal collection.

"Obviously what I want to treasure most is the memory of beating Liverpool. So it could be third time lucky!"

Francis was sacrificed

SPARE a quiet thought for Manchester City fans when they stream through the gates at Carrow Road for the first League game against newly-promoted Norwich.

Their customary throaty roar of approval will greet the appearance of their team for the first time this season, but there is no denying that the majority of City's supporters would prefer to be draping themselves in heavy black than sky blue.

City's fans are in mourning over Trevor Francis' transfer to Italian League club Sampdoria.

They idolised the England striker from the moment he marked his debut against Stoke City on September 5, 1981, with two goals in a 3-1 victory.

SHOOT view!

He became a regular contributor to City's scoresheet after that, despite a crippling injury and suspension which sidelined him for several weeks.

Trevor didn't want to leave City for Italian League club Sampdoria. Manager John Bond, who fairly worshipped his £1 million striker, probably shed tears when his golden nugget bade farewell. And the City fans will take time to forgive the club for selling the England man.

It is fair to say that City's Chairman Peter Swales was reluctant to sell Francis.

But the harsh truth is that Britain's first £1 million player had to be sacrificed to prevent the club from sliding towards financial ruin.

They could not afford to keep Francis! His reported wage of £2,000 per week saw to that.

Most football supporters yearn for a return to the days when a star player remained with his club for years and years.

Sadly, today's cheque-book climate destroyed Trevor Francis' ambition to remain at the club he adored.

(Trevor Francis shock transfer see pages 16-17).



YOUNG ADVENTURERS

NO, not a group of young rock-climbers — these nine young lads are all apprentices from Football League clubs who have just completed a three-week Outward Bound course in the North of Scotland, at the Loch Eil Outward Bound School in Inverness.

They are (left to right): back four — Neil Williams (Watford), David Smith (Bristol Rovers), Neil Pounton (Scunthorpe Utd) and Paul Bradbury (Oxford Utd); front five — Liam Robinson (Huddersfield Town), Andrew Sayer (Wimbledon), Terry Robbins (Tottenham H), Adrian Owers (Southend Utd) and Mark Ratcliffe (Huddersfield Town).

HUNDREDS of pub customers throughout the country have each won a summer cash bonus because of their sporting knowledge. The Great Guinness Challenge, a new sports quiz, has become so popular that Guinness has doubled the amount of prize money to £100,000 and split the competition into two separate games, each carrying cash prizes totalling £50,000.

Announcing the decision Mr Edward Guinness, said: "The popularity of the competition and the depth of sporting knowledge shown by Guinness drinkers has amazed us."



HIBS manager Bertie Auld, after selling centre-back Craig Paterson to Rangers recently for £200,000, got a fright when he went looking for a replacement.

He asked Morton to name a price for Joe McLaughlin, who, like Paterson, played for the Scottish Under-21 team last season. Morton immediately asked for £300,000... well over what Auld was prepared to pay.

LITTLE'S BIG JOB

BRIAN LITTLE is back in soccer — as Aston Villa's youth team coach.

The former England player was forced to quit playing last season because of a knee injury.

He said: "I've missed my football badly over the past 12 months. I've kept in touch with the game but there is nothing to compare with actually being involved on the inside of a club."

Tony Barton, Aston Villa's manager, said: "I am sure that we have made the right choice."

NEWS DESK

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NICKY REID'S SHOCK RETURN

NICKY Reid is set to return to Manchester City in the very near future.

Many Maine Road fans believed they had seen the last of the hard-tackling defender when he went to Seattle Sounders with John Bond's blessing.

But the City boss had a watertight agreement that the young England defender would be back once his season in the NASL had finished.

Reid is expected to be drafted into City's defence with Tommy Caton, Ray Ranson and either free transfer recruit Ian Davies or Bobby McDonald filling the left-back berth.

Good news for City fans also is that Dennis Tueart is expected to make a dramatic return to midfield after a severe Achilles tendon injury.

TOP Isthmian League manager Keith Mills is determined his players don't lose out after pickpockets raided their dressing room.

Jewellery and cash totalling £850 was taken from clothing at the home ground of Leatherhead while they were training.

As soon as he heard the news, Keith sold a bottle of whisky he won for being a top manager.

And now he intends to hold a raffle to compensate as many of his players as possible.

Agony in the sand

THE small East Lothian town of Gullane must have thought that it had seen the last of Jock Wallace — who regularly put his Rangers team through hours of agony training on the sand dunes there — when he departed from Ibrox for Leicester City. Yet no sooner had the Big Man returned to Scotland as manager of Motherwell than cries of agony once more reverberated around Gullane, this time from the Fir Park squad. Wallace, in fact, is so keen in using sand to toughen up his players that whilst at Leicester he "created" his own dunes in the heart of the Midlands by using builders aggregate!

CLARKE SEEKS REVIE'S HELP

ALLAN CLARKE'S four week, pre-season stint at Peterborough, where he is giving a helping hand to new manager Martin Wilkinson, will last no longer than that.

After that the former Leeds manager intends to leave his former number two at Elland Road to go it alone.

Allan is maintaining a discreet silence about his future, but I don't doubt it came under discussion the other day when he met Don Revie, still the greatest named manager Leeds ever had.

The change of scenery and the coaching of the attentive Posh players — "You could hear a pin drop when I was talking to them," Allan has told friends — will no doubt have left Clarke refreshed for another launch into managership.



TARGET EUROPE



LUTON'S manager David Pleat has bold plans to steer the First Division newcomers into Europe.

Pleat reckons he can upset a lot of First Division defences with his new-look strike force of Brian Stein and his signing from Charlton, Paul Walsh.

Explains Pleat: "A lot of clubs go for big centre-forwards, but we do things differently at Luton."

"Having looked at the World Cup and seen the difficulties in the English game in unlocking defensive teams, we now have two players with the ability to turn defenders with pace and skill and who can score goals as well."

"We have a team that can hold our own in the First Division and surprise a few people, too."

"Europe will be our aim this season."

Pleat also added to his squad with the £25,000 signing from Peterborough of the versatile Billy Kellock (left).

Briefly

● Stoke City full-back Steven Kirk (19) has returned home to Scotland after two seasons with The Potters. Kirk left East Fife for Stoke, who paid a fee of £10,000.

● Sligo Rovers are offering four year season tickets for only £50.

● Former Scotland defender Sandy Jardine, freed by Rangers at the end of last season, has joined ex-Ibrox team-mate Alex McDonald as player-coach of Hearts.

McDonald was appointed player-manager of the famous Edinburgh club earlier this year.

● Former Arsenal colleagues Malcolm Macdonald and Frank Stapleton teamed-up again this summer for the McVities Soccer Coaching School in Dublin.

● With the membership of the League of Ireland reduced to 14 clubs the three Eire clubs involved in European competition will have only one competitive game before the First Round Euro ties. That will be a League Cup game on September 12. The League of Ireland, which will again be sponsored by Kentucky Fried Chicken, will commence on October 3rd.

Liverpool hard-up

LIVERPOOL have shelved plans to build a big new stand on the Kemlyn Road side of Anfield because they are short of money.

In their last financial year they won the European and League Cups and carried off the League Championship — but their accounts for the year are £150,000 in the red.

They made a profit of almost £60,000 the previous year.

Liverpool's wage bill alone totalled £1,556,938.

If Liverpool find it difficult to make ends meet, what hope the rest?

IPSWICH UNITED



THREE star members of Ipswich Town's 1978 F.A. Cup winning team are re-united for the new season at Colchester United.

The goalscorer in Ipswich's memorable 1-0 Wembley victory over Arsenal, Roger Osborne (centre), has been at Layer Road for two full seasons.

New player/manager Allan Hunter (right), stalwart of Ipswich's defence for years, took over at the end of last season.

But the biggest surprise of all was reserved for this summer when Hunter signed his former team-mate Kevin Beattie (left) after the former England and Ipswich defender had quit through injury.

The Ipswich hierarchy were not happy about Beattie's return with another club, but Colchester are delighted.

NEWCASTLE have signed 15-year-old Gary Kelly on apprentice forms. Now manager Arthur Cox is hoping that young Gary turns out to be as good as his dad, former Eire and Preston 'keeper Alan Kelly.

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Kevin Keegan

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Winner of the coveted Golden Shoe is Southampton and England skipper Kevin Keegan, the first time this popular player has ever won an award for his goals.

The Divisional prizes go to Ronnie Moore of Rotherham, Gordon Davies of Fulham and Sheffield United's star striker Keith Edwards.

Among the guests who will be paying tribute to these hot-shots are famous faces from all walks of football. Leading managers Ron Atkinson and Mike Bailey will be there. So will PFA chairman Gordon Taylor, top referee Clive Thomas and the Secretary of the Football Association Ted Croker.

There will also be a special award presented to Northern Ireland's dynamic striker Gerry Armstrong, who was considered to be the biggest British success in Spain during the recent World Cup Finals.

Hosting the occasion will be top comedian Lennie Bennett and we're sure a marvellous time will be had by all.



The 26 League goals scored by Southampton's Kevin Keegan last season meant he was easily the First Division's top scorer.

Fulham's Gordon Davies fired the goals to take the Third Division Award.



Ronnie Moore's goals for Rotherham last season delighted manager Emlyn Hughes (left).



Sheffield United's Keith Edwards just pipped Craig Madden of Bury for the Fourth Division Award.

SPECIAL REPORT

SHOOT examines the

TITLE HAT-TRICK FOR CELTIC

ONE club from the quartet of Celtic, Rangers, Aberdeen and Dundee United is going to be extremely disappointed at the end of the season.

There are only three domestic prizes to be fought for — the League Championship, the Scottish Cup and League Cup — and obviously four into three does not go. Who is going to be the odd man out? SHOOT again walks the tightrope without a safety net in sight as we go into the risky occupation of the prediction business.

Last year we weren't far off the mark when we said Celtic would win the Premier title and, of course, they did just that for their second successive season.

We said Rangers and Aberdeen would win Cups and they also did that although, to be fair, we did say Rangers would win the Scottish Cup and Aberdeen would take the League Cup. We got it the wrong way round!

Okay, let's put SHOOT'S head into the noose straight away and predict that Scotland's crown will go once again to Celtic for a happy hat-trick. It would also be their fifth success in eight seasons.

Last season Billy McNeill took the opportunity to introduce youngsters such as Paul McStay, Danny Crainie, Davie Moyes and John Halpin.

Considering Celtic were already playing with 'emerging' youngsters such as Pat Bonner, Mark Reid and the unfortunate Charlie Nicholas, who ended the season with a broken leg, that is an extremely talented and youthful package.

CUP DOUBLE DONS

In addition to the Nicholas injury, Celtic also lost the services of Frank McGarvey, who broke a leg against Dundee United in the run-in to the season. And throughout the term players such as skipper Danny McGrain (left), as midfield inspiration Tommy Burns and World Cup winger Davie Provan were all out injured for lengthy spells.

But Celtic, showing signs of true Champions, kept on going.

The experience of last season certainly won't do anyone at Parkhead any harm. The youngsters are growing up at a rapid rate and manager Billy McNeill smiles when he says: "Some of the youngsters we have here leave me breathless with their skill. They'll be making sure no one rests on their laurels in the first team."

With so much talent flowing through the reserves at Celtic, boss McNeill has been quiet in the transfer market. Even now that World Cup skipper and right-back Danny McGrain looks like ending his great association with the club when his contract finishes at the end of the season, McNeill is quite content to look for a replacement in the reserves.

There is a family spirit at Parkhead at the moment and now that 're-signing rebel' Tommy Burns has finally put pen to paper and committed himself to a lucrative new contract there are no off-the-field squabbles.

Looking through the Celtic first team squad, you see that it is littered with fine players, such as Roy Aitken, who will almost certainly become the new skipper when McGrain makes way, goal-grabbing George McCluskey, under-rated but vastly-talented centre-back Tom McAdam and midfield powerhouses Dom Sullivan and Murdo MacLeod.

With Billy McNeill there to guide them we take Celtic to go all the way and take the title. Europe? That's a different proposition. They take on Ajax, Johan Cruyff and all, in the First Round and that could be as difficult a tie as Juventus was last season.

What about Aberdeen? From the turn of the year until the end of the season they lost only two games in 24 and that's some record... a run that Pittodrie manager Alex Ferguson undoubtedly hopes will continue for a long time to come.

"We're well equipped to deal with success now," says Ferguson. "I believe it is possible for a club to be successful in the Premier



1982-83 Scottish season and forecasts...



Aberdeen will be anxious to retain their grip on the Scottish Cup after beating Rangers in last season's Final.

Division as well as Europe and we hope to prove that this season. "I said last season that it is difficult for a club to think of winning even two of the domestic honours. It's difficult, but not impossible."

The highlight of Fergie's career to date was undoubtedly the title victory three seasons ago.

But there was joy last season, too, when they took the Scottish Cup with their dramatic 4-1 win over Rangers at Hampden.

TOUGH FOR RANGERS

It's distinctly possible that Aberdeen will again enjoy victory in the Scottish Cup... and, as Ferguson warns, there could be something happening in Europe this season for a Scottish club... probably his own in the Cup-Winners' Cup!

The fans of 'new-look' Rangers aren't likely to agree with the predictions so far. Celtic winning the title! Aberdeen reclaiming the Cup! Not likely, they will say. What, then, does the future hold for the proud Ibrox men?

John Greig can inspire the players off-the-field, but it's no easy task spotting the inspirational figure when the club goes into battle. Sadly, John Greig has found difficulty in replacing himself in the Ibrox first team!

Greig has a new assistant this time out, with former midfield maestro Tommy McLean helping take some of the strain on the managerial side of things.

Rangers could miss out on the trophy trail because the pressures from the most-demanding supporters are too great and because they are still getting their act together.

In close on two years, Greig has

seen virtually an entire new team arrive at Ibrox and another leave the club.

That's a fair amount of upheaval for one manager to deal with. John Greig and Rangers still need time to get those foundations absolutely right.

Can they retain their grip on the League Cup? It will be a mighty hard task. It will all depend on their start to the season and how the new boys knit in with one another.

If anyone takes that Cup away from Ibrox, our tip is that it will be Dundee United, who won it two years on the trot before Rangers beat them 2-1 in the Final at Hampden last season.

United's David Narey and Paul Sturrock will undoubtedly be better players for their World Cup experiences and skipper and centre-back Paul Hegarty showed some commanding form at the end of the last programme.

United reached the UEFA Cup Quarter-Finals last season after knocking out such sides as Monaco, who went on to win the French title, Borussia Mönchengladbach and Belgian side Winterslag, who had knocked out Arsenal in the previous round.

With McLean's guile and the skill of players such as Narey, Sturrock, Hegarty and Dodds, United could make a hit again in this arena, even if actually winning the UEFA Cup may be a bit too much to ask.

What about the other six clubs in the Premier Division? Who stays up? Who goes down?

St. Mirren are far too good to be relegated. They'll be pushing for honours themselves. They will not be involved in the relegation dog-fight.

The start of the season will be crucial for Motherwell and their new manager Jock Wallace. They should stay up and consolidate their position. Fifth or sixth place may even satisfy the ambitious Wallace, who will want to build upon that in the future.

Hibs could be heading for troubled waters. They will

undoubtedly miss centre-back Craig Paterson and it's not easy to pinpoint the player who will score the much-needed goals for the Easter Road side.

There could be hovering clouds of doom and gloom over Easter Road if they get off to a bad start.

Those clouds could also pass over Morton, Dundee and Kilmarnock during the season. Who goes down? There won't be many points separating them at the end of the day, but we must point the accusing finger at Kilmarnock and Dundee and say that they are the most likely candidates to suffer at the programme's finish.

QUICK RISE FOR HEARTS AND PARTICK

Who comes up to take their places? Stepping on to the tightrope again we will say immediately that Hearts and Partick Thistle, in that order, will claw their way back into the Top Ten.

Hearts, with former Rangers stars Alex MacDonald and Sandy Jardine to guide them, must get out of the First Division if they are to remain a club with full-time ambitions.

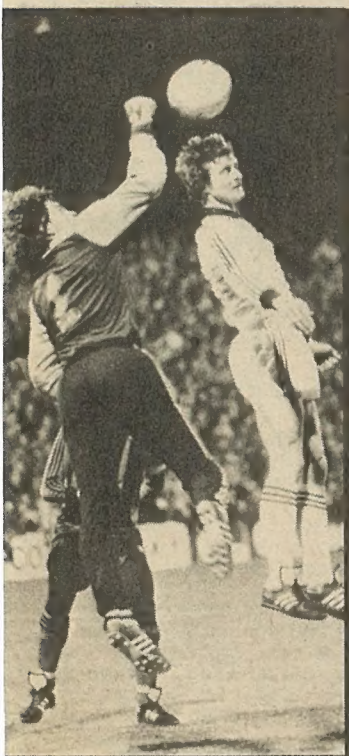
And, with or without international goalkeeper Alan Rough, Partick should still have too much class for the First Division.

Ayr United, Clydebank, Airdrie and Dunfermline could be the clubs to keep the pressure on them.

The trapdoor beckons for Alloa and Dumbarton, we're afraid. They'll fight every inch of the way, but, in the end, they should be measured for the hangman's noose.

The Second Division is always a dangerous area in which to make predictions because most of the clubs compete at the same level. It's a bit of a grey zone.

Still, as we're in the prediction business, we go for Arbroath and Forfar coming into the First Division.



Rangers will be relying on Ian Redford in their bid to halt Celtic's chase for the Premier Division hat-trick.



CHRIS Jones, once Tottenham's first choice striker who almost became a footballer worth half a million pounds, is faced with the dilemma of the dole.

Jones released by Spurs, has seen his contract expire. Now there is only dole money to pay the mortgage and buy the food unless he draws on his savings.

For a First Division striker who was the subject of a £450,000 bid from Brighton two years ago, there is now precious little to look forward to.

The hours spent close to the telephone, hoping for news of

prospective employers, were boring and lonely. "I went to see my parents in Jersey for three weeks in June, to get a break," says Jones.

"I hoped something would come up when I was away, but nothing happened.

"The waiting and the uncertainty have been the worst things. All

you can do is have faith in your ability. Unfortunately for me, I've had a couple of seasons of injury problems and that may have put off some clubs. I hope not, but it is possible. But now, I am completely fit."

Two French clubs made tentative inquiries, but Jones insisted he preferred to stay in England,

taking his chance on a club throwing him a lifeline. At one stage, he looked set to sign for Norwich, but that deal now seems dead.

"I've got pride, I don't want to go on the dole," says Jones. "But if I cannot find a club, I'll have to sign on eventually.

"It was a shock when Spurs told me they were releasing me. I'm surprised only one club showed any interest in me, but so many players have been in the same position as me this summer. Every club is waiting until the very last minute to see what they have, what they need and who they can afford. There has been so little money around, that has been the problem."

So little money... particularly in the homes of footballers without football clubs.

The start of a new season is traditionally a time for optimism, expectancy and ambition for every footballer.

For Chris Jones and countless others threatened by the recession, that hope and expectancy extends to just one thing — the promise of a wage packet at the end of each week. That speaks volumes for the crisis facing football and footballers.

Chris Jones clears for Spurs at Arsenal last season. But now the blond striker faces the dole queue.

AGONY ECSTASY

WEST Ham were one of a number of clubs who kept out of the transfer market this summer.

Manager John Lyall told all inquirers: "We don't plan any moves in the market." And lack of money was only one reason for that.

It was also good news for Sandy Clark, the tough Scot lined up at the end of last season to replace striker David Cross, who has moved to Manchester City.

Clark, the former Airdrie star, should prove the ideal replacement for Cross.

"I'm not unlike Joe Jordan in style," says Clark. "I don't mind the knocks, that's the way I play. I'm 6ft, 12½ stone and can look after myself. I try to use my height and weight to the best advantage."

Treatment

Perhaps like Jordan, the new Hammers front man may be spending more than his fair share of time on the treatment table. He missed a few days of pre-season training due to an ankle strain.

But Clark says: "I don't envisage too many worries. I think all strikers tend to pick up injuries at regular intervals; it's part of our job.

"I suppose I'm a hard working striker who likes to use his strength. But please don't consider me just a goalscorer. I like to win the ball and make goals for other

players, too.

"But I won't change my hard style. That is all I know and I believe I can succeed in English football playing that way."

Clark cost West Ham £200,000 and came South with a reputation for getting goals. He scored around 66 in his last three seasons North of the border.

But even Clark knows he will

have to go some to match the achievements of the last big money player to leave Scotland for a London First Division club.

Steve Archibald, who left Aberdeen for Tottenham, enjoyed a superb first season in English football, scoring 25 goals and forming a dynamic and instantly successful front line partnership with Garth Crooks.

Clark says: "I must say Steve had a marvellous first season. I

was surprised he did so well but I hope I can do the same. However, I expect it to be harder than I've been used to.

"English football is a completely new thing for me. But I see it as a challenge and that's what I thrive on.

"It will be more involved tactically here and the marking will be tighter, and more professional.

"But I've got a feeling I will succeed. One thing's for sure — I won't fail for lack of effort."

Sandy Clark in action for Airdrie last season. The big striker is hoping his £200,000 transfer to West Ham will be the start of something big.

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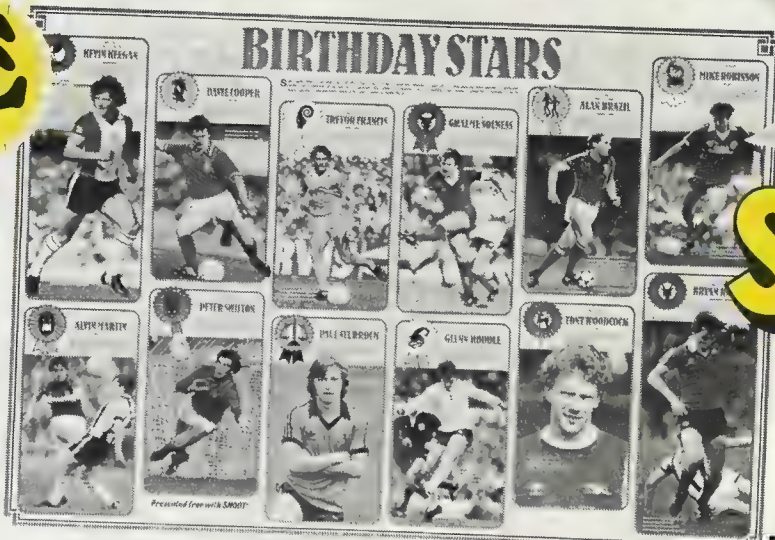
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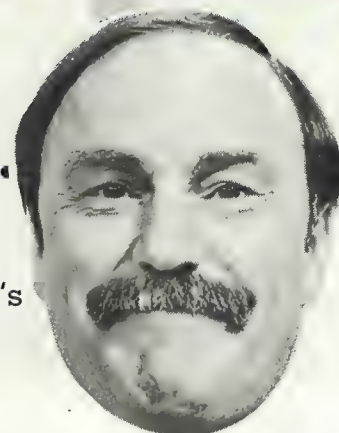
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IT'S not often a player swaps the green-and-white shirt to sign for Rangers, but that's precisely what Craig Paterson did recently when he moved from Hibs to Ibrox in a bargain £200,000 deal.

The Scottish Under-21 international, once the target for Manchester United, left Edinburgh to fill a problem role in the heart of the Rangers rearguard.

The player was out-of-contract with Hibs and it looked as though the Independent Transfer Tribunal would have to be called in at one stage to sort out the fee.

Rangers manager John Greig says: "Thankfully, it didn't come to that. We've been through that before and it's not the ideal way to do business.

"A couple of years ago we made

what I considered a fair bid of £80,000 for Partick Thistle's Colin McAdam. Thistle didn't agree and after the tribunal had made their judgment we had to pay £170,000.

"Ironically, Bertie Auld was manager of Thistle at the time. It would have been a bit odd if we had to go through another transfer

saga with Paterson as Bertie is, of course, now boss of Hibs!

"Again I think we made a fair offer for the player. He's a marvellous prospect and I know he can do a great job for this club."

The cultured centre-back will occupy the role that was filled with such distinction by Colin Jackson for many years.

In fact, Rangers, once well known for their 'iron wall' defence, could again have one of the tightest rearguards in the Premier Division this season.

Paterson will team up beside John McClelland in the coming months and that partnership could become a rock upon which many attacks will come to grief.

MCClelland had settling-in problems when he joined Rangers in another bargain £90,000 deal from Mansfield last close season, but, as he showed so capably in the middle of the Northern Ireland defence during their memorable World Cup stay in Spain, his career is really taking off now.

"It may take time to sort things

"However, 48 hours later I was a Rangers player and manager John Greig was telling me I was going with them to France for games against St. Etienne, Lille and Belgian club SK Lokeren.

"Honestly, the ink was hardly dry on the contract when I was looking out my passport and heading out to France."

Paterson's fee will undoubtedly prove to be a bargain in the coming year, but that £200,000 price tag surely underlines the financial plight in which a lot of clubs on both sides of the border find themselves today.

Admiration

Manchester United were greatly impressed by the giant anchorman when they played Hibs in a hastily-arranged friendly on Boxing Day. The game ended in a 1-1 draw and Old Trafford manager Ron Atkinson couldn't hide his admiration for the well-built, powerful youngster.

But, even at £200,000, there was nothing doing from Atkinson and United so Bertie Auld, with his club needing a fresh injection of cash, was forced to sell his hottest

Craig Paterson THE RANGERS ROCK

out," says Paterson, "but I'm sure it will all work out in the end. John Greig has left me in no doubt what he expects from every player at Ibrox this season.

"I've come to Ibrox to get among the honours. I'm hungry for success and I really want to do well. That's the same attitude everyone has here and obviously that's okay by me.

"We'll all be pulling for each other and the future is certainly exciting. If you'll pardon the pun, this move came completely out of the blue.

"I had read in the papers that Hibs had made me a marvellous re-signing offer. That was news to me. I knew nothing of any 'marvellous offer' when I restarted training on the Saturday.

property to a rival team in the Premier Division.

Paterson will not be the only player settling in at Ibrox this season. Swedish international midfielder Robert Prytz was bought for £100,000 from Malmo and Davie McKinnon, a sturdy right-back, was bought from Partick Thistle for only £30,000.

Three players of proven ability for only £330,000 suggests a good bit of work in the transfer market by John Greig, who says bluntly:

"I paid out that £100,000 fee to Malmo for midfielder Robert Prytz because I could not get a comparable player in Scotland at the same price.

"I would have preferred the cash to have stayed in Scotland, but I will not be held to ransom and I will not pay over-the-odds for a player.

"When I make an offer it is always one which I consider to be fair. I'm delighted to have signed Paterson, Prytz and McKinnon for little more than £300,000. They are part of the 'new' Rangers and I'm certain they will all do well."

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Trevor Francis is welcomed to Genoa by a smiling Sampdoria manager Renzo Ulivieri.

TREVOR FRANCIS

THE RELUCTANT

TREVOR Francis, Britain's first £1 million footballer, has become a victim of the cheque-book madness that first launched him into the superstar bracket.

He unwittingly made history in February, 1979 when Brian Clough risked his future on writing a cheque for £1 million to sign Francis, Birmingham's sharp-shooting striker, for Nottingham Forest.

He was sold again for a seven-figure fee when Manchester City bought him from Forest shortly after the start of last season.

Now, the brilliant 27-year-old England forward has been sacrificed by Manchester City in a desperate effort to ease their financial problems.

Francis, who helped England battle into the Second Round of the World Cup this summer, has become a reluctant pawn in a big business deal between his First Division club and Italian League club Sampdoria.

Francis, now wearing the blue kit of Sampdoria, did not want to leave Manchester City. He adored the Maine Road fans, and they in turn loved his brilliant skills.

John Bond, City's ebullient and enthusiastic manager, revealed in the

knowledge that his team contained one of the finest goalscorers the club have ever paraded. He didn't want Francis to leave either.

City chairman Peter Swales, accused of damaging the club's First Division hopes by selling his prize asset, was also a reluctant salesman, and the club's faithful fans are the poorer for the England man's departure to the sun-parched pitches of spaghetti-land.

The lamentable truth of the biggest transfer shock since Liam Brady quit Arsenal is that Francis HAD to be sold to ensure Manchester City's survival.

As Francis said before his sad exit: "I didn't want to leave Manchester City and I shouldn't have had to."

"I know that City were made two offers for players they were prepared to let go in the last few months. The last bids would have all but covered what they've been forced to accept for me."

"Now the club have paid the full price by having to sell me."

He referred to the financial disorder at Manchester City, which forced them to part with Martin

O'Neill and Gerry Gow, and loan out Tommy Hutchison and Phil Boyer.

Now he has been sold, but adds optimistically: "I hope City get it right, because I might want to rejoin them."

If there is any salvation for City fans in Francis' farewell, it is that he refused to sell the magnificent dream home he has had built in the leafy Cheshire countryside.

Francis treads the well-worn trail to Europe that has claimed John Charles, Denis Law, Jimmy Greaves, Gerry Hitchens, Laurie Cunningham, Kevin Keegan, Tony Woodcock, Joe Jordan and others.

He is not the first big-name star to climb aboard the lira-laden special and will probably not be the last.

But his departure raises a question that is becoming hugely significant as gate-receipts slump: players hunt for jobs while drawing dole money, and clubs work feverishly to keep the receiver at bay.

Can Britain afford to lose its best players to foreign clubs?

Manchester City's clash with newly-promoted Norwich City at Carrow Road on the opening day of the season is the poorer for Trevor Francis's absence.

It will be impossible to measure his loss in terms of money, but a census of East Anglia on the eve of the game would probably reveal

TRANSFER DETAILS

May 1971 signed for Birmingham City and made 280 League appearances.
Feb. 1979 sold to Nottingham Forest for a British record £1,150,000.
Sept. 1981 sold to Manchester City £1 million.
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In training with his new team-mates, Francis knows a lot is expected of him at Sampdoria.

A RIGHT ROYAL WELCOME

ITALIAN football followers knew they had a winner the moment Trevor Francis set foot on their soil.

First the World Cup success, now the arrival of a world superstar!

Out came the flags in the steamy streets of Genoa, home of Sampdoria, and the horn-blowing mania that greeted the England striker's arrival was enough to send a London taxi cab mad.

The adulation was so frenzied that anxious police halted a Press

conference at the airport because Sampdoria fans had blocked all roads leading to the terminal.

"It's unbelievable and frightening," confessed Trevor, who is well used to hero-worship.

His sweater was ripped from his back only to be replaced moments later by the blue shirt of Sampdoria, bearing the number seven.

One hard-pressed Sampdoria official said that Francis' arrival was even more frenzied than that of Liam Brady, who had signed for the club from Juventus a few weeks before.

Then came the medical tests. Italian doctors were careful to examine the famous tanned legs that bear the scars of battle with Birmingham, Nottingham Forest, City and England.

Francis has had his share of serious injuries and the experts were determined to run no risks.

But he passed with flying colours and is now a regular in the Sampdoria line-up.

Still bemused by the film-star welcome, Trevor said: "Not so long ago I thought I was going to spend all my career with Birmingham. Now I've been transported to a world of champagne and private jets. It will take some getting used to."

As every Manchester City fan would echo, Trevor Francis will not let them down.

PAWN



that Ipswich v Manchester City is less of a spectacle than it would have been with the great man's presence in a City shirt.

Who wants to watch a western movie without Joan Wayne? Would "Firefox" be as compelling without Clint Eastwood behind the aircraft's controls? What hope the "Pink Panther" series without the late Peter Sellers?

The same analogy applies to football, which can claim pride in players of the entertainment business.

Absence

Tottenham's 1980 record was shattered by the sheer size of the absence of their Argentine star. One example is a freezing season in the gates.

"I think Ossie not being with us has affected sales slightly," admitted assistant secretary Peter Day, going on to explain that the season was the most disappointing in smaller gates.

Manchester United's gates dropped when George Best, Bobby Charlton and Denis Law left the club.

Arsenal's fans became terribly disappointed last season with the departure of Liam Brady and Frank Stapleton, both crowd-pullers, to new clubs, and only now are they starting to recover by introducing

Tony Woodcock.

Merseyside giants Liverpool and Everton have lost no crowd pullers yet face worrying financial hardship in the new season.

Liverpool, who not only won the League Championship but carried off the League Cup, lost a massive £154,000 in the last financial year. Everton, who recovered from a poor start to finish eighth in the League, lost £99,000.

Crowd-pleasers and gate boosters like Trevor Francis are vital to the future of British soccer as it attempts to provide the same thrilling entertainment that forced fans the world over to acclaim the World Cup Semi-Final encounter between France and West Germany an unforgettable experience.

Francis was a match-winner. His goal against Wolves last season, acknowledged as the best seen at Maine Road for years and the best he had scored in his ten-year League career, was born of genius.

It is wrong to believe that only City's fans are the losers. Supporters throughout the land are the poorer for Trevor Francis' departure.

The sad lesson is that if Manchester City had not overpaid themselves to the hilt to obtain Trevor Francis' services, he might still be thrilling League fans every Saturday in good old England.

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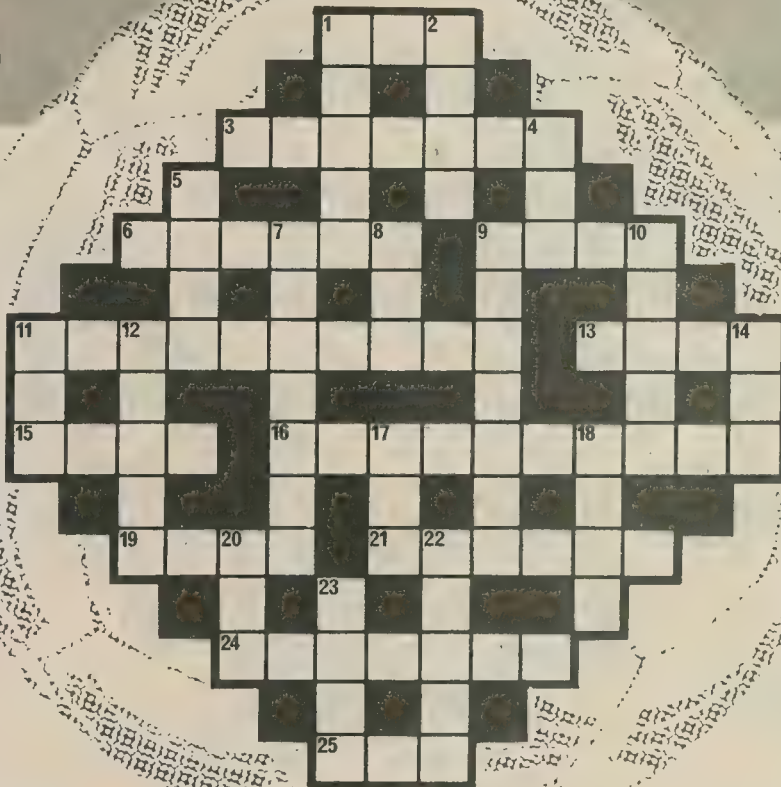
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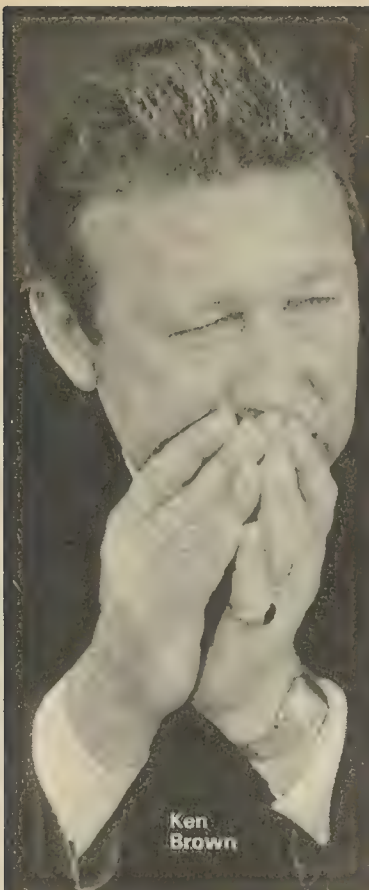
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Ken Brown

BRIGHTON v Ipswich, Tottenham v Luton, Watford v Everton — they compete for the best rating on the opening Saturday of the new League season.

But there's no doubt that if you want intrigue, passion, the meeting of old friends (sadly, many would say enemies), the unlikely setting of Carrow Road, Norwich, is just about the best

place to be for the opening Saturday's spiciest game.

Norwich against Manchester City pits current Norwich boss Ken Brown against his former governor, John Bond. And for two old pals who fell out when Bond moved to the manager's chair at Maine Road, it presents something of a battle royal, with outside influences undoubtedly involved.

You won't find Ken Brown, one of the nicest men in football, deliberately inflaming any situation. His moderation,

for poor Ken Brown.

Of course, promotion, achieved in the most splendid and thrilling manner with a late surge of form, made up for early disappointments. And, more to the point, set up the opening Saturday's crunch game — Bond's first League return to Carrow Road since Brown took over with such success.

Neither man is prepared to further inflame a situation already made delicate by Bond's remarks. But privately, Brown will hope for an outstanding display from his

GRUDGE MATCH

charming personality and willingness to help anyone marks him down as a real gentleman.

But even Brown was bitter at remarks made by his more flamboyant former boss when John Bond left Norwich for the manager's job at mighty Manchester City.

Asked whether he intended to take Brown with him as his assistant, Bond's reported reply amounted to: "No, Manchester City is a big club with big traditions and I need a top right-hand man." That was about the unkindest cut of all for Ken Brown back in Norwich.

"I was deeply humiliated and hurt," admitted Brown. And after that, Norwich's problems — and Brown's in particular — mounted further when the team went on a poor run of form and results. Nothing seemed to be going right

team — just to underline to his old pal his ability to motivate and lead a successful side.

John Bond, however, is by no means football's Number One bad guy. Perhaps he already regrets his words, for he formed a close and productive partnership with Brown at Carrow Road. But he may well discover that his words have come back to haunt him, for Norwich will surely go flat out to keep their current manager's flag flying high.

Brown is prepared to talk about prospects — for the season. "I'm thrilled at what lies ahead," he says. "It's a marvellous challenge for all of us. All the players realise what is at stake. We did so well to win promotion from virtually nowhere last season. Now we want to ensure we do well enough to have no fears about staying up."

"I am happy with the squad I bought last season. I bought with



John Bond

an eye to Division One at the time and so players like Keith Bertschin, John Deehan, Martin O'Neill and Steve Walford will all do good jobs for us. They've been in the First before, they know what it's about and they proved themselves at the highest level.

"I'll buy if I have to. But I hope to start with roughly the same squad as last season and see how we go. I think we can do pretty well this season and I'm really looking forward to the challenge."

BRIGHTON TO ATTACK

MIKE Bailey's Brighton, accused by many of being the stodgiest team in the First Division last season, plan an ambitious frontal assault this term.

Manager Bailey, who built a reputation for his side as a solid, uncompromising defensive outfit, wants to expand his playing policy into an attacking formation.

Bailey reasons: "We got things right, almost perfect at times, in sorting out the defence last season. I know we took some criticism but you cannot play football successfully in any grade without a firm foundation at the back."

"We organised the defence and got through by defensive work and the flair of the lads up front to get us goals. But now I want to have a much closer look at our abilities going forward."

"We shall be working more through our front players and midfield men. We won't neglect our back play — we shall have little reminders about that from time to time. But it's fair to say that we shall concentrate this season on increasing our firing power going forward."

Bailey has bought only the Crystal Palace player Neil Smillie so far, but insists: "Although we are always looking, I am very happy with the squad I have got. It proved itself last season despite some long term injuries to crucial players, particularly Michael Robinson."

"We have the players to do well, of that I'm certain. I plan to allow our midfield players more freedom to get forward and supplement the front men and that will help us to score more goals."

But in a clear plan to attack more, Brighton won't forget the defensive lessons they learned



Michael Robinson

last season. Bailey will see to that.

"I think we are professional enough not to leave gaps at the back," he says.

"We can certainly score more goals and win more matches than we did last season. And Neil Smillie, the lad I got from Crystal Palace, is part of that. He works hard and is good going forward."

"We shall have different tactics, a different way of playing this season. But I hope it will be successful."

Brighton were well in the hunt for a UEFA Cup place at one stage last season, but fell away to a somewhat disappointing mid-table position through a poor spell of form late in the campaign.

Undoubtedly, the lack of goals cost them dear at times and if Bailey can improve his team up front to the same degree he managed in organising their defence, then Brighton may be a very useful outfit this season.

TOUGH FOR ROBSON

You have played under Bobby Robson for a number of years, how do you think he will fare as England manager?

Stewart Guest,
Plymouth.

I am sure he will do well, Stewart. It will be difficult because he had more than ten years at Portman Road as manager and in that time he built a first class squad and backroom staff.

With England he won't have that opportunity because of the amount of time he will spend with the players.

YOU ASK

John Wark answers

PRE-MATCH

Do you eat much before a game?

Steven Gregory,
Ashford, Kent.

I normally have a poached egg before a game. Maybe I change to a boiled egg but I generally stick to the poached.



NEW BOSS

How would you compare your new manager, Bobby Ferguson, to former boss Bobby Robson?

Gerry Russell,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

As a coach, Bobby Ferguson is excellent, Gerry. As far as his managerial talents go, I am not too sure.

Bobby Robson ran the whole show at Portman Road during his time and everything ran smoothly.

Bobby Ferguson will definitely need time to adjust to the change and I have every confidence in the man to keep Ipswich Town near the top of the tree.

CELTIC TRIAL

Before signing for Ipswich Town, did you have trials with any other League clubs?

David Saunders,
Ely, Cambs.

Believe it or not, David, I had trials with Celtic! It wasn't easy for a fan of Rangers. I was also training with Manchester City and Ipswich. But while City took their time, Ipswich offered me a contract and I had no hesitation in accepting — and I am glad I did.

DEBUT GOALS

What were the best and worst moments for you personally during the World Cup Finals in Spain?

Karen Toland,
Lancing, Sussex.

The high spot for me, Karen, was scoring two goals against New Zealand on my World Cup Finals debut.

As you know, Scotland won 5-2 and I particularly enjoyed my second.

I met a cross at the far post and my downward header gave the goalkeeper no chance.

My biggest disappointment, and the rest of the squad's, was when the referee blew the final whistle against USSR and we knew we were out of the Finals on goal difference. A terrible blow.

Delight for John after scoring against New Zealand in the World Cup and despair as Scotland fail to beat the USSR.



RANGERS FAN

You were born in Glasgow, did you support Rangers or Celtic as a child?

Alice Richards,
Glasgow.

Rangers were the team for me, Alice. I was a regular visitor to Ibrox. I went along with a few of my friends and we would stand on the terraces cheering the Light Blues.

FOOTBALLING BROTHERS

Have you got any brothers? If so, do they play football at any level?

Jackie Reeves,
Sale, Lancs.

I have two, Jackie. Alex plays sweeper for Bell Park in the Victoria First Division in Australia.

My kid brother Andrew had trials with Ipswich but was not signed on.

He is a 17-year-old striker and I believe he will make the grade, possibly with a Scottish club first — but watch out for him.

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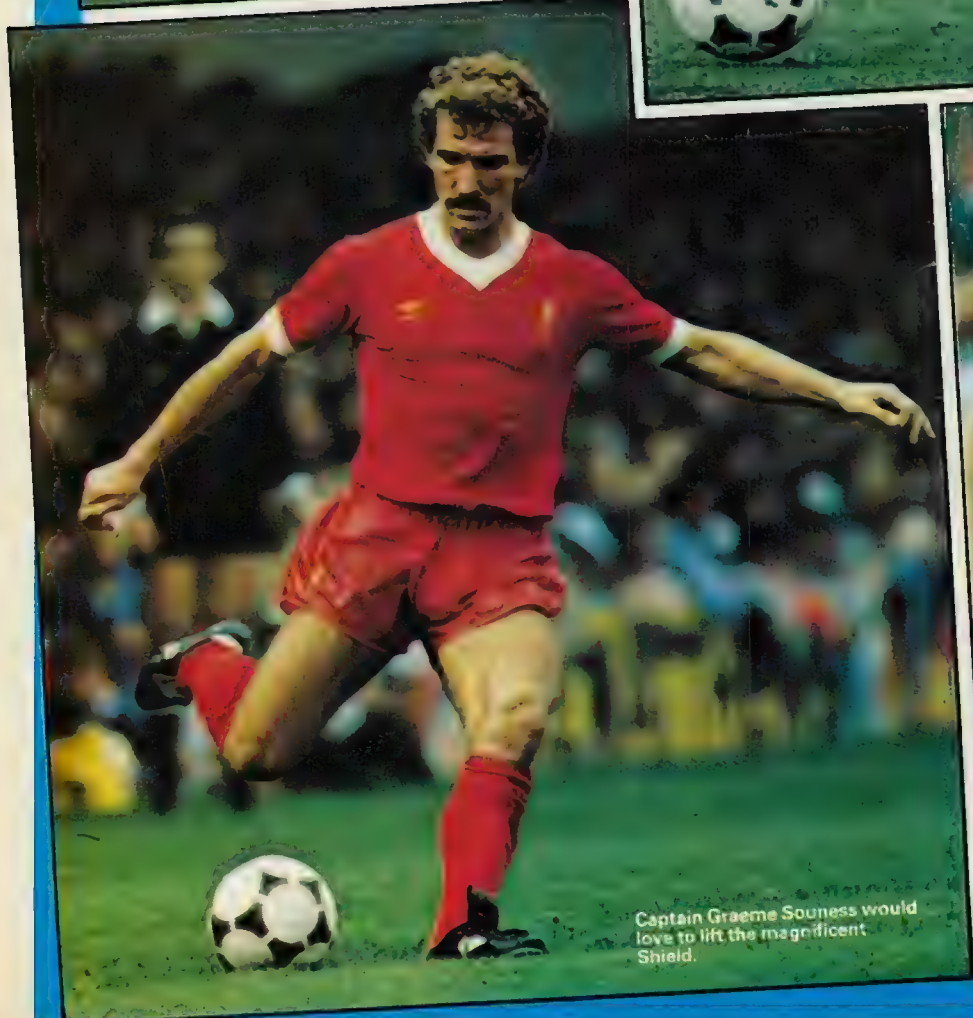


Ronnie Whelan scored twice against Spurs in last season's League Cup Final. Just one Wembley goal this time would suit him.

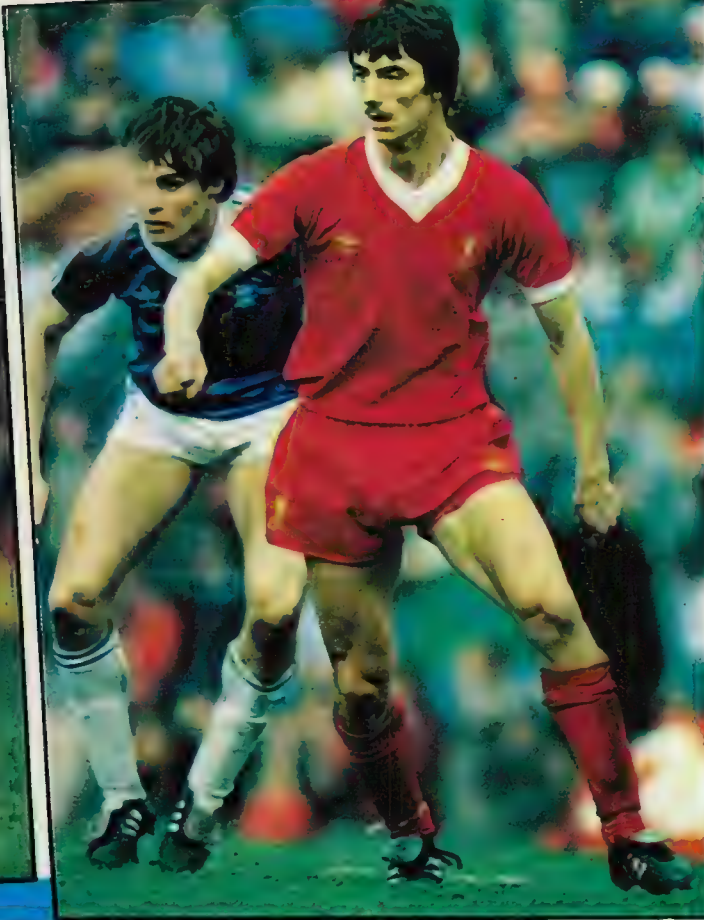
CL OF TIT

L EAGUE Champions Liverpool and holders Tottenham renew hostilities at Wembley on Saturday in a battle for the Championship. The curtain-raiser of the season is traditionally a chance for players to get back into the old but nobody will be easy this time.

Lee, Rush and the new season as they wished the old one on target.



Captain Graeme Souness would love to lift the magnificent Shield.



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at the end of the game



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trying to stop the Tottenham attack of Neil Storey
Chris Hughton



Super Striker Steve
Arncliffe is sending
the Liverpool team
into a spin

JOHN BARNES WATFORD

THIS talented 18-year-old left-winger spent most of last season scoring goals and turning defences inside out as Watford blitzed their way through the Second Division to reach the top flight for the first time in their history.

But the contribution Barnes (right) made to that achievement cannot be accurately measured by recalling the 11 League goals he scored.

His ability to tease and tempt defenders in to the tackle before crossing from the bye-line with lethal accuracy was directly responsible for many of the 35 times Luther Blissett and Ross Jenkins hit the back of the net.

Chunkily built, Barnes is deceptively strong and his speed is certain to trouble First Division defenders this season.

His ball skills are a treat to watch and also his explosive shooting from free-kicks around the penalty-area.



NICKY CROSS WEST BROM

CCROSS is a 21-year-old winger with the happy knack of scoring goals. He made 25 appearances last season and made a sufficient impression to a rightful claim for a regular first team place.

New manager Ron Wylie will probably prefer new arrival Peter Eastoe in Albion's opening fixtures, but if things don't work out and Cyrille Regis maintains his splendid form, Cross could provide West Brom with an attack full of pace and options.

His goals last season gave Albion draws at Brighton and Arsenal — points which proved vital as Albion narrowly avoided relegation.

While, understandably, every defender was looking out for Regis, Cross utilised the space he found as a result to good effect. He is quick, intelligent with the ball and combines neat skills with a hard shot.

THIS 23-year-old goalkeeper has been in the shadow of Jimmy Rimmer since he joined Aston Villa from non-League Chelmsford in 1977.

Until Villa's magnificent triumph in the European Cup Final against Bayern Munich, Spink had played just one full League game — against Nottingham Forest on Boxing Day, 1979.

But his remarkable performance against Bayern — after replacing Rimmer just ten minutes into the game — will surely result in the goalkeeper's jersey becoming his on a permanent basis.

One particular save from an effort by Karl-Heinz Rummenigge may well have sealed the trophy for Villa and ensured a bright future for Spink.

His calmness and ability to step into such an emotion charged situation in Rotterdam are clear indications that he has the right



NIGEL SPINK VILLA

temperament for the big occasion.

If he is given the chance he has the potential to become an excellent First Division goalkeeper.

STEWART ROBSON ARSENAL

REGARDED by many as a future captain of England, this versatile 17-year-old burst on to the soccer scene midway, through last season and played the remaining games with such composure and maturity to suggest he will become a major name in years to come.



Made his debut at right-back at West Ham and played his first few games in that position until being moved into midfield, where he made a considerable impact as a hard tackling player who frequently worked himself into a scoring position. Has been compared with his Manchester United and England namesake Bryan as a player in the same mould.

A former public schoolboy, he is an intelligent footballer with a burning ambition to get to the top of his profession.

This youngster, having displaced seasoned international Peter Nicholas, now gives Arsenal one of the strongest midfields in the country.



GRAEME SHARP EVERTON

ONE of a crop of highly talented young players at Goodison Park, this 21-year-old Scottish centre-forward had a storming finish to the season, scoring six goals in Everton's last five games.

He is a centre-forward with an apt name being lethal around the area, snapping up half chances hungrily. At 6' 1" he is powerful in the air, but surprisingly quick and mobile for a big player.

Came into the Everton side late in November and stayed to add his aggressive style to a young team. With a good season already being predicted for Everton's youngsters, Sharp is certain to make the headlines as he did in helping the Merseyside club to eighth place in the table.

Although he has been at Goodison since his move from Dumbarton in March, 1980, he is now ready to claim the central striking role at the club and become the crowd favourite Bob Latchford was.

WITH the big kick-off just a week away football fans everywhere are looking forward to the prospect of new and exciting young players exploding on the League scene.

Here SHOOT takes a look at ten of the best rising stars.

10 SUPER KIDS



**PETER
DAVENPORT**
NOTTM FOREST

ANOTHER of Brian Clough's young proteges at the City Ground, this 21-year-old centre-forward could well make a name for himself like Peter Withe and Garry Birtles before him. His main claim to fame is a superb hat-trick scored in Forest's 3-1 win at Ipswich on the last day of the season.

On that occasion, ironically the last match Bobby Robson had in charge of Ipswich before taking the England job, Davenport (above) tore Ipswich apart with his neat control and no-nonsense approach of running straight for goal.

Originally from Merseyside, he was on Everton's books before joining Forest at the start of the year.

He has good all-round ability and before making his debut against Liverpool at Anfield on May Day was a prolific scorer in Forest's Central League team, the platform he used to attract Clough's attention. Having scored four goals in five games at the end of the season he looks certain to be given an extended run now.

**NORMAN
WHITESIDE**
MANCHESTER UTD

ACENTRE-FORWARD who needs no introduction after a fairytale start to a career that has already started at the top. Having played just one full League game for United (when he scored against Stoke on the last day of the season) Whiteside stepped into the record books to replace Pele as the youngest player to appear in the World Cup Finals for Northern Ire-

land at 17 years and 40 days.

In Spain he proved himself capable of taking on, and beating, tough, well organised defences and although at times he looked a raw rookie, First Division defenders will treat him with caution.

With Garry Birtles unsure of his Old Trafford future, manager Ron Atkinson has publicly stated Whiteside could well save him around £1m in the transfer market.

If, given the chance, he hits the goal trail early in the season he should become a permanent fixture at Old Trafford alongside Frank Stapleton.



**DAVID
PUCKETT**
S'OTON

WITH the departure of Mike Channon on a free transfer, although he could return to play for the club, and the continued absence of the sparkling Steve Moran through injury, young David Puckett may well be given

an extended chance to prove himself at the highest level this season.

Puckett, at 21, is one of the more promising prospects at The Dell. He is a forward full of pace and in his handful of matches last season scored four goals which suggest he could form a useful partnership with Kevin Keegan.

Obviously eager to establish himself, he is another tireless worker who thrives under the challenge of playing for McMenemy.

The main threat to Puckett's chances appear to be whether Southampton can sustain the form which enabled them to top the First Division last season before ultimately slipping to seventh. If they can, Puckett is in with a fighting chance of grabbing some of the glory. If not, they may look for a more experienced man.

**COLIN
WEST**
SUNDERLAND

ONE of the main reasons for Sunderland's dramatic escape from the clutches of relegation was the explosive form of this exciting 19-year-old centre-forward. He plundered five goals in the final run-in when the side had struggled to find the net all season.

His coolness in front of goal was admirable, especially with the Roker club in such a precarious position, and his forceful running makes him a handful for any defender. His sharp-shooting towards the end of the season has probably guaranteed him a place in the forward line for the new campaign.

West (below) would certainly benefit from an experienced partner in attack, but he has such youthful enthusiasm that he will again be among the goals if manager Alan Durban decides to reward him for the invaluable goals which kept First Division football alive in the North East.

He has already become a firm favourite with the Roker Park crowd.



**DANNY
THOMAS**
COVENTRY

TENACIOUS right-back widely tipped to become an England international of the future. Received a strong lobby of support as Ron Greenwood prepared his squad for Spain, but was unlucky to miss out.

Although Thomas is only 5' 7" tall he is fast and hard in the tackle. His main strength undoubtedly lies in his ability as an extra attacking option down Coventry's right flank.

If Coventry were to find the consistency necessary to make them strong contenders for honours, Thomas would certainly be among those making the headlines at Highfield Road.

He is already an England schoolboy and Under-21 international and higher honours could well be imminent — especially as Mick Mills and Phil Neal seem to have reached the twilight of their international careers.



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This week's Star Letter comes from Alan Playfair of Newtonabbey, Co. Antrim, who wins £10. He writes:

Northern Ireland United

In the light of Northern Ireland's tremendous performances in Spain, I feel that the lasting memory should be of the way that the team united under one flag to play with pride for their country.

Gone were the sectarian differences between Protestant and Catholic and instead a real friendship between the players existed.

Norman Whiteside from the Shankhill linked with the Falls Road's Gerry Armstrong; Sammy McIlroy worked in tandem with Martin O'Neill.

The people of both communities in Northern Ireland should sit up and take notice of just what can be achieved when both sides work together.

● Northern Ireland's achievements in the World Cup were magnificent by anybody's standards. When you consider the added difficulties they had to overcome, their performances take on even greater proportions.



Hold it!

LAST season I saw 20 penalties awarded and on every occasion a player ran into the area before the kick had been taken. This is nothing more than cheating and it's about time something was done about it.

WILLIAM SHAW,
MORETON, WIRRAL.

● I can never understand this move, because if the ref is on the ball, encroachment is always going to cost you dearly.

Bond's cheating

MANCHESTER CITY manager John Bond has cheated the club's supporters by selling Trevor Francis to Sampdoria.

If he intended to sell City's best player, he should have done it before thousands of their supporters had paid out for new season tickets.

How many would have forked out if they had known Francis would be on his way?

MARTIN ANDERSON,
SUNDERLAND.

● Very few I suspect.

Leeds's Gray error

LEEDS UNITED made a big mistake when they appointed Eddie Gray as manager in succession to the unfortun-

ate Allan Clarke.

There is only one man who is capable of not only leading United back to the First Division but also back to glory and he is Jack Charlton.

SIMON HUDSON,
GROBY, LEICS.

● I happen to think that Eddie (below) will do a good job.



Why Wembley?

ALTHOUGH Wembley is our national stadium, why can't England play outside of London once in a while?

I've seen several international matches at Wembley and every time it's cost me about £20 in all. If England played the occasional friendly at Old Trafford, Maine Road, Goodison or Anfield it would give fans outside London a chance to see a big game. England would also be guaranteed tremendous support.

The system works well in Spain and West Germany, so why not here?

SUE COOK,
WALTON, LIVERPOOL.

● But Wembley is a neutral ground. When Wales played at Wrexham last year the crowd simply booed all the Swansea players. The same would happen in England.

Rubbish, England

ACCORDING to the latest SHOOT, England had 14 chances against Spain, were the second best team in the World Cup and were unlucky not to win the Cup!

This pathetic rubbish shows how far England have fallen from grace during the last 15 years.

The sad fact is that England (and Scotland) have a long way to go before they can be considered world class and the sooner they realise this, the sooner they can get down to doing something about it.

PAUL REEVES,
TROON.

● England and Scotland are both world class. Sadly, that doesn't mean too much these days.

Maestro McGovern

JOHN MCGOVERN has been allowed to leave Nottingham Forest without receiving the credit due to him for his contribution towards the club's successes of recent years.

I'd just like to thank John for all the good times he's helped bring to the City Ground and wish him the best of luck as player-manager at Bolton.

JEREMY TILSON,
NOTTINGHAM.

Costly Coventry

AFTER having to pay £5 to see my club, Arsenal, playing at Coventry last season, I can only hope that Jimmy Hill doesn't come up with any more anti-hooligan ideas.

KEVIN HUMPHREYS,
HIGH WYCOMBE.

Consistent Heath

AS an avid Evertonian, I was quite concerned to read your article entitled 'Bobby Robson's Revolution' in which you mentioned some of the youngsters who could progress into the England squad.

I would like to point out that Everton's Adrian Heath (below) plays consistently well for his club every week and has also never let the Under 21's down when he's played for them.

I appreciate that Everton have not been the most successful club in Britain, but Heath is an exceptionally good player.

SARAH ROBERTS,
CARDIFF.



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Dobson's Burnley boost

BURNLEY skipper Martin Dobson looks ahead to the new season with extra anticipation following his club's promotion to Division Two.

He says: "In winning the Championship of the Third Division, we came from rock bottom to the top. I can't put into words exactly how I feel."

For Burnley, who were relegated from the First Division in 1972, that title triumph has ended a period in the doldrums.

Blackburn-born Dobson first joined Burnley on a free transfer from Bolton in 1967, and his form was impressive enough to induce Everton to pay out £300,000 for him in August, 1974.

"I was captain at Burnley, loved the place and wasn't keen on leaving it. But a new stand had been built at Turf Moor, money had to be found to pay for it, so someone had to go," he recalls.

And Everton, a club with a great tradition for talented players, were made to order for the cultured midfield skills of Dobson.

Between April, 1974, and October, 1975, Dobson won five England caps and his future seemed assured.

But just five years later, Martin received a severe jolt when he found he could no longer count on a future with the Merseysiders.

"At a stage where I felt I needed some security in my career, I learned that Everton couldn't guarantee this. It was Burnley who offered me a four-year contract, so I rejoined them in August, 1979."

But if Dobson's return to Turf Moor offered him security it also involved worry, pain and frustration in a catastrophic first season at Burnley.

He says: "I turned out in 20 matches, developed Achilles tendon trouble and was in plaster when we went down into the Third Division."

"Suddenly, after 12 years in the

First Division, I was in the Third. Worst of all was the fact that I was doubtful about whether or not my injury would allow me to play again.

"When I finally regained fitness, it occurred to me that midfield was a position I couldn't play in forever. So I moved into the back-four, and last season took on the new role of sweeper."

"Experience has taught me that as a mature player, you must help the youngsters whenever you can. This means that on the pitch I talk more than I've ever done."

"Thinking back to my early spell at Burnley as a 19-year-old, I realise just how much I was in awe of the senior players."

"Jimmy Adamson, our manager then, tried to bolster my confidence by later offering to make me captain at the age of 21 — but I told him I wasn't a talker."

"I'm 34 now and find that the youngsters respond to my promptings, and this gives me a great boost."

"After my career of wanting to be a top individualist it has been tremendously satisfying to pass on some of my knowledge to others — their success is my success."

"We've a side of youth and experience which has blended well and I hope will continue to do so. As for myself, I've a year of my contract left — whatever happens after that is in the lap of the gods."

Carr's on the right road

KEVIN Carr's consistency has established him as a popular figure on Tyneside — but the Newcastle United 'keeper admits his search for soccer success hasn't been easy.

Ever since making his home debut against Wolves in December, 1977, Carr has been fighting a private battle with himself. Now, four and a half years later, he reckons he has well and truly won that battle.

"What I previously lacked was self-confidence," says Kevin. "I felt there was tremendous pressure on me because I was a local lad."

"Looking back, I realise the pressure was mostly self-inflicted — I became my own worst enemy due to the fact that I was always telling myself I had to pull out something extra."

"I certainly wasn't lacking in ambition, but somehow talk got around that I was content to simply turn out for the reserves. And up to a point, there was an element of truth in that which had to do with my lack of confidence."

"But a few months ago things started to fall into place for me. I developed more faith in myself and became much happier with my form."

Tall and ideally built for the job of goalkeeper, Carr's apparent lack of ability to hit the headlines and win solid recognition posed doubts about his first team future.

Then when Arthur Cox took over

as manager at St. James' 18 months ago, he brought about a change in Kevin's career.

And Kevin is the first to pay tribute to Cox. He says: "After normal training sessions, the manager puts in an extra 15 minutes with Steve Hardwick and myself on positional play, handling and reflexes."

"Above all, Mr. Cox has given me confidence, the commodity I needed to improve my game."

In his early days with United, Carr saw plenty of service with the reserves. He says: "It wasn't easy to keep my concentration when playing in the Central League. At that level I had to make a conscious effort not to let my attention wander."

Praise

Last season, it was Carr's concentration and all-round efficiency that made him the first choice for Newcastle and earned him the praise of the Gallowgate fans — but he refuses to take this for granted.

"I don't think for one minute that I've got it made. A goalkeeper can change from a hero to a villain very quickly. I've still a lot to learn and two bad games could mean I was back to square one."

"Goalkeepers make mistakes and I've rued some of mine. But nobody makes mistakes on purpose and all I can do is to make sure mine are kept to the minimum during the 1982-83 season."

Carr (extreme right) lists clear from the heads of Shrewsbury's Chic Bates and Steve Biggins last season.



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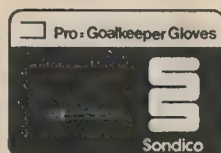
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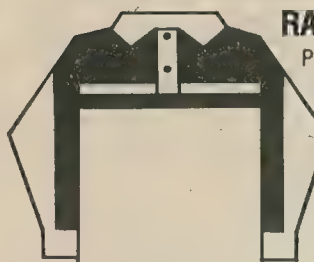
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THIS coming season's Second Division might well have been renamed Division Two (North). Such is the influence of that part of England on the Division that no fewer than 12 of the 22 members are from the North, four are from the Midlands, five from London and just Cambridge representing the rural regions.

Carlisle (dark shirts) and Fulham should both benefit from promotion from Division Three.

All of which means a prolific number of derby matches, which will be good for the bank balances if not necessarily for the quality of football — local confrontations can be too full of tension for that.

With Leeds United and Middlesbrough among the relegated and Burnley and Carlisle promoted there will barely be a Saturday without a Second Division derby, indeed the traditional dates for these sort of games at Bank Holidays, will be almost exclusively made up of that type of fixture.

You could actually have a situation whereby on the same day you would have, say:

Barnsley v Rotherham United
Chelsea v Fulham
Derby v Leicester
Leeds v Sheffield Wednesday
Newcastle v Middlesbrough
Oldham v Bolton
QPR v Crystal Palace
Wolves v Shrewsbury

If the other matches were Charlton v Cambridge, Burnley v Carlisle and Blackburn v Grimsby the coach firms would be just about out of business.

When Leeds United were relegated after an unbroken spell of 18 years in the top flight, it was generally regarded in the city as a disaster.

But after studying the new season's fixture list Eddie Gray commented: 'It's going to be a memorable and maybe momentous first season for me as a manager at Elland Road.'

'Suffered'

'Every match is going to be like a Cup-tie and that has to be a good thing coming on top of the disappointment we've suffered.'

The smaller clubs like Grimsby, Shrewsbury and Cambridge are going to see their match with Leeds as one of the season's highlights.

Then we'll have some stirring battles with the bigger boys from London and the Midlands, and the rest are all derby games which you can guarantee will be nail-biters with no quarter asked for or given.

'We haven't played Sheffield Wednesday in the League for

several seasons, and all being well we should both be going for promotion. And Barnsley and Rotherham will both be out to knock us off the perch.'

Trevor Cherry, one of several Leeds players who were unhappy but have now come off the transfer list with the appointment of Gray, agreed, looking upon relegation as 'a blessing in disguise'.

Middlesbrough's predictable demise leaves Sunderland as the North-East's only First Division club, and they, too, can now look forward to renewing battle with Newcastle United, so desperate themselves to get out of the Second Division.

Better

With Carlisle in there too, the extreme North of the country is going to enjoy better fare than it has for some time.

Bolton's narrow survival and Burnley's first step back towards the high life at Turf Moor means the North-West is not going to go short of feudal fun either.

The Lancashire mill town quartet of Blackburn, Bolton, Burnley

DERBY BATTLES GALORE!

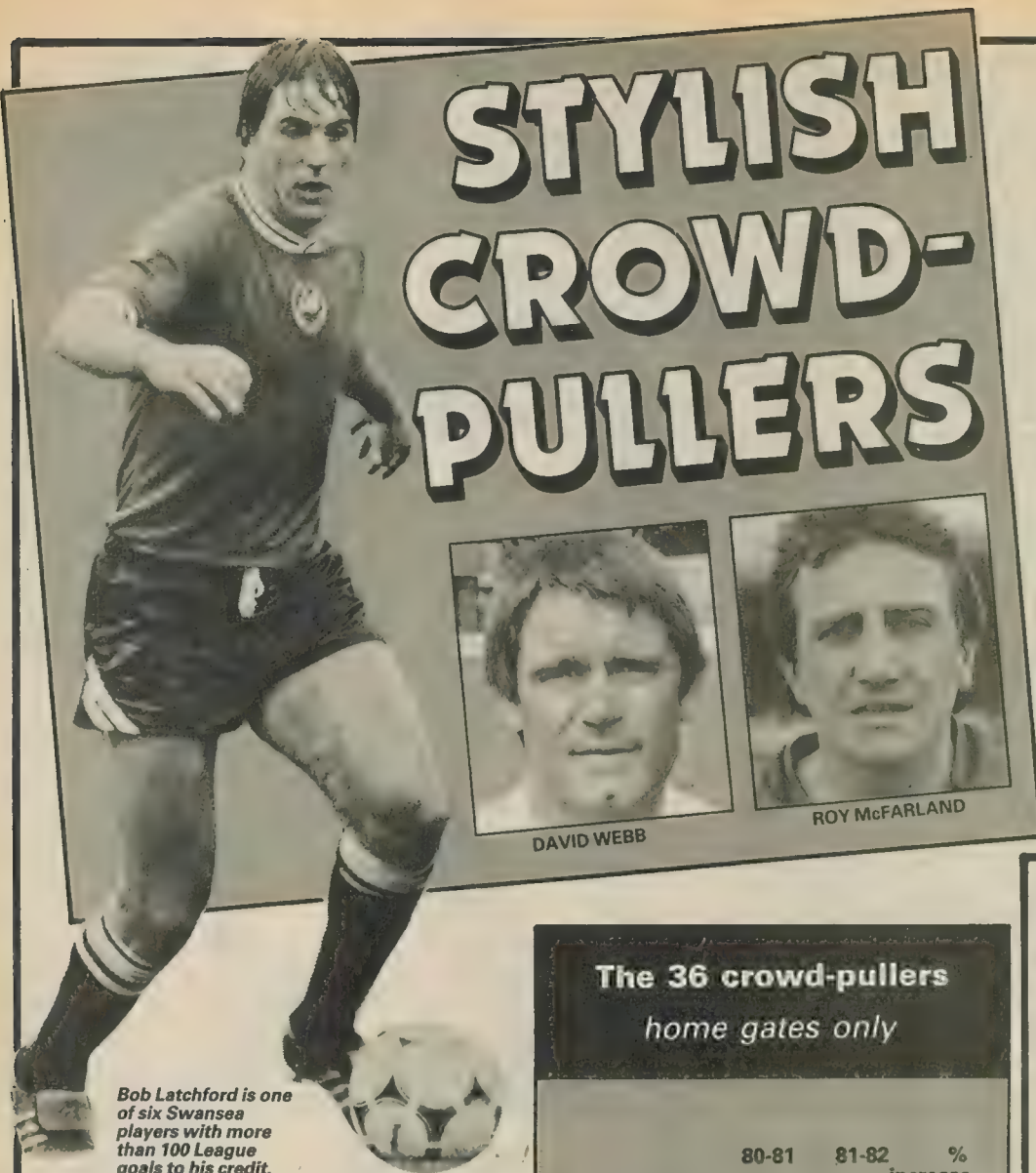
Sheffield Wednesday (stripes) and Rotherham both face a glut of Yorkshire derby matches in the new season

and Oldham are bound to produce some intense rivalry.

The same can be said, too, of the London scene with Fulham joining in the carnival party already attended by Charlton, Chelsea, Crystal Palace and Queens Park Rangers.

It's all going to make for more excitement than usual in the Second Division, and it may just be one of those extraordinary seasons when there's as much attention on the Second Division as there is on the First.





STYLISH CROWD- PULLERS



DAVID WEBB



ROY McFARLAND

Bob Latchford is one of six Swansea players with more than 100 League goals to his credit.

THIRTY-SIX of the Football League's 92 clubs go into the new season aiming to repeat their gloom and doom-defying achievement of 1981-82. They are the clubs whose attendance figures were UP.

The winter of '81-82 brought a warm glow of commercial satisfaction in places as far flung as Bradford, Bournemouth, Oxford and Swansea, the pacesetters in the attendances "table".

Bradford City's successful promotion campaign in the Fourth Division lifted their crowds by a remarkable 88 per cent. Bournemouth, also promoted from Division Four, showed an increase of 75 per cent. Oxford's late success-sequence, which only just failed to lift them out of the Third Division, boosted their figure by 41 per cent, and Swansea's first season in Division One brought an increase of 38 per cent to the Vetch Field gates.

How was it done? By success, certainly. But also by putting on a bit of style and a lot of entertainment.

Both Roy McFarland, at Bradford City, and David Webb, at Bournemouth, were having their first season as managers of League clubs. Both were central defenders in their playing days, but both played with an attacking philosophy they have taken into their managerial careers.

McFarland says: "It's partly about goals. We always went looking for them and scored 88. But it is also about graft. If supporters see a team giving 100 per cent and working hard for 90 minutes, they'll come and support them."

The 36 crowd-pullers home gates only

	80-81	81-82	% increase
Bradford City	65,741	124,004	88.62
Bournemouth	77,731	136,468	75.56
Oxford	95,043	134,562	41.58
Swansea	276,008	382,745	38.67
Fulham	116,377	159,572	37.11
Port Vale	62,973	83,691	32.89
Wigan	101,985	134,313	31.69
Bury	63,200	81,830	29.47
Halifax	44,258	55,362	25.08
Notts Co	200,580	244,178	21.73
Sheffield Utd.	293,758	342,505	16.58
Luton	216,106	249,497	15.45
Q.P.R.	229,663	264,055	14.97
Spurs	645,198	737,096	14.24
Peterbro'	95,148	108,055	13.56
Rotherham	183,662	206,992	12.70
Gillingham	107,547	120,546	12.08
Watford	275,268	307,261	11.62
Torquay	47,151	51,693	9.63
Stockport	53,711	58,583	9.07
Carlisle	93,467	101,418	8.50
Colchester	60,840	65,767	8.09
Newcastle	336,015	362,797	7.97
Oldham	136,712	147,481	7.87
Barnsley	294,407	317,050	7.69
Burnley	148,791	159,535	7.22
Hereford	56,216	59,616	6.04
York	51,634	54,283	5.13
Wimbledon	57,133	59,702	4.49
Bristol R.	124,509	128,794	3.44
Leeds	448,925	464,291	3.42
Millwall	103,355	106,387	2.93
Sheffield Wed.	391,104	402,571	2.93
Southampton	451,114	458,537	1.64
Man. City	705,328	715,332	1.41
Northampton	53,024	53,036	0.02

"Our lads have a special relationship with the fans. Off the field they become the supporters. I encourage them to attend nearly all the functions to which we are invited. Consequently, the fans come along to see their mates play."

Webb says: "We entertained. That's why they kept coming to Dean Court. It couldn't have been simply a case of following a winning team because we drew ten of our home games. But what we did give the fans was two wingers and a lot of excitement."

"We were adventurous. We tried to keep the ball in the other team's half and we got the obvious spin-off. We conceded only 30 goals."

Jim Smith took over in mid-season to launch the surge that took Oxford to within shouting distance of the Second Division. He says: "I've never sent teams out to defend and I never will."

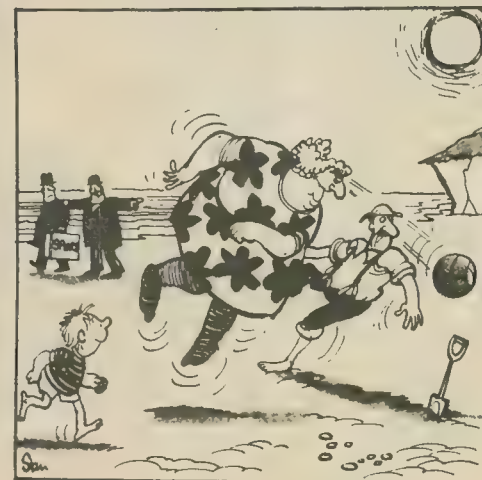
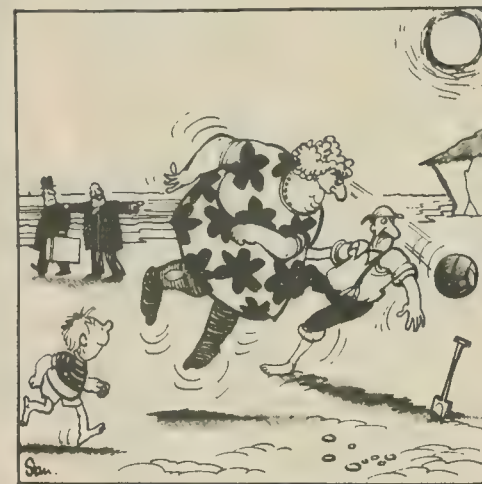
"Crowds will come to see an attacking team and here at Oxford we have the courage not to change the policy even if it costs us a few defeats. Our reward is a considerable increase in the sale of season tickets for the coming season."

John Toshack, who has taken Swansea from the Fourth Division to the top of the First in five playing seasons, says: "We have six players here who have scored more than 100 goals in senior football. So we're not afraid to go forward."

"We realise that football's problems will be solved not round a table but out there on the field. We were not frightened by the challenge of the First Division, not frightened to change and to adapt."

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

See if you can spot the ten differences between these two cartoons.
Answers on page 36.



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WILLIE Young literally jumped at the double challenge that awaited him in joining Nottingham Forest.

On the field . . . he's a key figure in Brian Clough's bid to give Forest their old identity of a couple of seasons ago.

Off the field . . . he took the opportunity of moving to Nottinghamshire to set up a business with his wife Lynda.

And it's not just a run-of-the-mill corner shop that the Youngs have put their enterprise into.

They have opened the Newark Equestrian Centre in the village of Coddington . . . and already they've proved there is quite a demand for facilities by horse lovers.

It's something Lynda and Willie have had in mind — dating back to his days at Arsenal — but the move to the Midlands gave them just the opening they needed.

Said Willie: "Lynda's got a show-jumping background and I was brought up on a farm near Edinburgh so we've got the right kind of track record for this sort of thing."



"We were going to do something when I was in London but we decided to make sure my football career was more settled before taking the plunge."

"Although I'm very interested in the centre, Lynda is the real enthusiast and is getting a lot of pleasure from building up the business."

Lynda, in fact, has a thoroughbred pedigree when it comes to show-jumping.

As a junior she represented Scotland and in one year finished top of the "Points Table".

Interest

But when she was married, bringing up a family — Steven (9), Victoria (6) and Martyn (5) — captured most of her attention until they are now old enough themselves to follow her interest in horses.

She commented: "I always fancied the idea of opening an equestrian centre and although Willie wasn't all that interested at first, he's become more so in recent years."

"There are a lot of people coming and going from the Centre and Willie enjoys meeting and talking to them. It's a complete change from football."



SHOOT!

Alan Dodd, Stoke's long serving defender, drifts away from Ipswich and England striker Paul Mariner.



SHOOT!

TAKE A BREAK IT'S QUIZ TIME

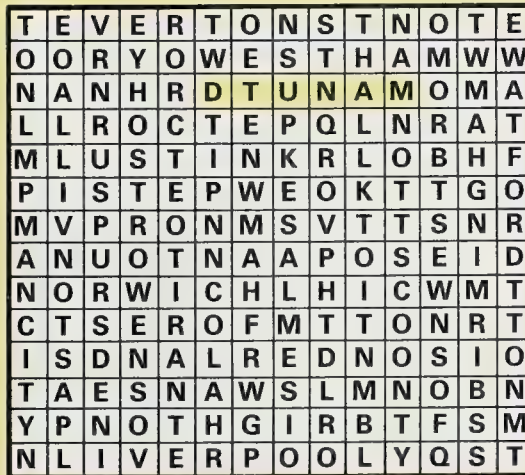
1. Graham Hawkins was recently appointed manager of which Second Division club?

2. True or false? Brighton striker Michael Robinson (right) is a Northern Ireland international?

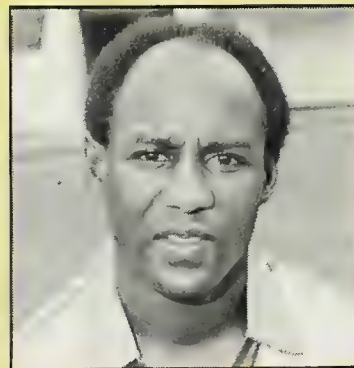
3. Were Manchester United or Manchester City previously known as Ardwick F.C.?

4. Ronnie Whelan was signed by Liverpool from Republic of Ireland club Home Farm, Dundalk or Shamrock Rovers?

WORD SEARCH



The names of the 22 First Division clubs are spelt out in this frame in straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and forwards and backwards. How many can you find? To give you an example we've indicated Man Utd.



5. Keith Cassells (above) is a striker with which First Division club?

6. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of one of Britain's top defenders and his club... NKEcTAHMGNU (TNSAOLAILV).

7. If Paul Davis scored a penalty past Chris Woods which two First Division clubs would be in action?

PICTURE PUZZLE



Study the action photograph above, taken during a Liverpool v Swansea game last season, and see if you can answer the following questions about the game and the two clubs.

1. Can you identify the Liverpool star in the dark strip?

2. And the Swansea player on the ball?

3. One is an Under-21 international and the other a full international. For which countries have they played?

4. Have Swansea ever won the F.A. Cup?

5. Liverpool have won the Football League Championship four, five or six times since the 1975-76 season?

8. Trevor Aylott was transferred to Millwall from which Second Division club?

9. Can you name the England international player who was sold to Spanish side Real Betis recently and which English club he left?

10. Where do (a) Coventry City, (b) Hibernian, (c) Dundee United and (d) Nottingham Forest play their home games?

ON THE BALL ANSWERS

ACROSS:—(1) Ban. (3) Wilkins. (6) Roeder. (9) Wile. (11) Gary Rowell. (13) Eggs. (15) Bail. (16) Peter Withe. (19) Hird. (21) Ninian. (24) Goodwin. (25) Don.
DOWN:—(1) Belle. (2) Neil. (4) Ski. (5) Tony. (7) Dropped. (8) Rye. (9) Waldron. (10) Eight. (11) Gib. (12) Raith. (14) She. (17) Ten. (18) Ivan. (20) Rag. (22) Irwin. (23) Dodd.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

1. Pebble missing. 2. Pointing man's hat missing. 3. Wording on case missing. 4. Stripe on boy's jumper missing. 5. Extra flower on woman's dress. 6. Braces missing. 7. Handle on spade changed. 8. Woman's hair style changed. 9. Hole in her stocking. 10. Necklace missing.

ANSWERS:

1. Wolves. 2. False — he is a Republic of Ireland player. 3. City. 4. Home Farm. 5. Southampton. 6. Ken McNought (Aston Villa). 7. Arsenal against Norwich. 8. Barnsley. 9. Peter Barnes from Leeds. 10. (a) Highfield Road. (b) Easter Road. (c) Tannadice Park. (d) City Ground.
PICTURE PUZZLE: 1. Sammy Lee. 2. John Mahoney. 3. Lee (England Under-21). 4. No. 5. Five.
WORD SEARCH: Arsenal, Aston Villa, Birmingham, Brighton, Coventry, Everton, Ipswich, Liverpool, Luton, Man City, Man Utd, Norwich, Nottingham Forest, Stoke, Sunderland, Swansea, Watford, West Brom, West Ham.

FRANCOIS Van der Elst will be a great strength for West Ham over the next two seasons.

That is the unqualified verdict of manager John Lyall on his £400,000 Belgian international.

Manager Lyall's scoop of 27-year-old Van der Elst from New York Cosmos was one of the shrewdest transfers of last season.

"It wasn't easy for him at first," confesses Lyall. "He joined us from Cosmos on the end of their three months break; but class always comes through in the end."

"Francois does the simple things ... which can be so confusing to other players. He is a straight-forward, disciplined, attacking player of the highest class and has a masterly awareness of everything that is going on around him."

"He knows where he can find support; he swiftly appreciates when players are making runs away from him and delivers glorious passes to feet. His whole game is built around his ability to be in the right place at the right time."

HAMMERS IMPORT WILL TURN ON THE POWER

The English-fluent Belgian says: "I am very happy to be with West Ham: there is no club in England for which I would prefer to play."

"I know for certain that playing for West Ham won me my place in Belgium's World Cup squad for Spain."

"Their style reminds me very much of the finest Continental sides — building up moves from the back using control, movement and the timed pass to break through rival defences."

"There is very little of driving high balls to the far post in the typical English manner of attack and it helps me greatly to be playing with Trevor Brooking and Alan Devonshire. The way they hold the ball and then use it is brilliant ... football of the highest quality."

Admiration

Francois has won instant admiration at West Ham for fighting his way out of a difficult, tense start.

"Settling in was an anxious time. As the manager says, there had been a gap of almost three months between my last game in America and my start at West Ham."

"On top of that, there were the personal difficulties of moving home and family from one continent to another. Then my arrival at West Ham coincided with a terrible

time with injuries and we lost one game after another.

"Now I'm clear of my problems and looking forward to the new season."

"I reckon to score ten goals a season," says Francois ... and John Lyall probably believes that he owes West Ham a few of those 'specials'.

It was Francois' superb play which helped beat West Ham 4-2 in that classic 1976 European Cup-Winners' Cup Final — and he scored two magnificent goals with his guided missile class shooting.

Van der Elst played campaign for Anderlecht in European competitions and says: "Now one of my ambitions is to be part of a successful West Ham side in European football. This is a side that is going to get better and better and has the ability to be among the best, both in Britain and abroad."

There is no doubt in his mind,

either, that there is no football stage like the one this side of the Atlantic. "After 13 years with Anderlecht, it was important for me to get out and see somewhere else. I do not regret for one minute my 18 months with Cosmos."

"They look after their players wonderfully; they are perfectly organised and must be one of the great clubs of the world. But the American scene overall does not match up to the competitive levels in Europe and there is too much travelling."

"In a nine months season, you can spend three days getting to a game and there is hour after hour in planes. I was rather disillusioned by the football as well. The build ups were too slow."

"No, above all, Europe is the place to play football and I count myself very lucky to have joined one of the finest clubs of all in West Ham."



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Albion new boys pledge...

RON WYLIE, 48-year-old boss of West Bromwich Albion, was appointed manager at The Hawthorns without having applied for the job.

"It came completely out of the blue," says Ron. "I was in England on holiday when I learned of Albion's interest in me — it was a real surprise."

For the previous 12 months, Ron had been in charge of the Hong Kong club Bulova, and before that, had been assistant-manager at Coventry for seven years.

Although pitch-forked into service with Albion with little pre-season opportunity to see his team in action, Wylie nevertheless feels confident that he has inherited a good side and is also prepared to buy to strengthen the team.

He says: "Albion have some talented players, and I intend to add to what is already a promising pool by buying two attacking players."

"My directors have told me that cash will be available, but first I must be certain that the right men are available at the right price."

The fact that Albion struggled to keep away from the bottom end of the First Division last season in no way upsets manager Wylie's beliefs that they are a better team than their position last May would suggest — and his aim is that in 1982-83 the side will improve on it.

He says: "West Bromwich had a crop of injuries which seriously upset their performances in the last ten games. But we'll be out to do better and in making the effort to do so we will continue to play the attacking football which has

'I can revive the club'

Ron Wylie, manager

been our style in recent years."

As well as believing in attacking football, the Albion boss has faith in the abilities of British club sides.

"Abroad in recent years, our clubs have had a lot of success in European competitions, and in future I would like to see Albion lift a trophy or two on the Continent."

There is no doubt in manager Wylie's mind which club offers the most formidable opposition for the League Championship.

'Concerned'

"It is impossible to look beyond Liverpool when you talk about possible title winners."

"But all I'm concerned about is West Bromwich, and during the coming months I'll be doing all I can to build a winning side."

Looking ahead, Wylie says: "Here at Albion I'll be talking to Ronnie Allen and the players as much as possible, finding out all I can about the team and the people



Ronnie Allen (left) will help Wylie in his new capacity as general manager.



connected with it.

"I know it is a fine club and we are in an area where the fans know their football."

"So far, I've had very little opportunity to form assessments and opinions, and these will only come after I've seen the team in action."

"But from what I have seen so far I think we have a very solid structure to build on."

'I'll prove myself again'

Peter Eastoe, striker

IN recent seasons Peter Eastoe has established a reputation as one of the country's most clinical strikers.

That is why there was no shortage of interest when Eastoe refused to sign a new contract at Everton in the summer.

Eastoe was happy on Merseyside, but felt he could not accept Howard Kendall's offer of a one-year contract when he was looking for some security.

"I decided that at 29 I needed to know what was in store during the next few seasons," says Eastoe.

"I understood Howard's point of view. He is building a young side at Everton and obviously didn't want to sign me for any length of time. We parted company on the best of terms."

Eastoe moved to The Hawthorns in an exchange deal that saw Andy King move back to Everton. The deal could not have been more suitable for both players.

"It's been common knowledge for a long time that Andy wanted another chance at Everton," says Eastoe.

"I knew when I heard that he was involved in the exchange that there would not be any snags."

Eastoe, born in Tamworth, has signed a

four-year contract at West Bromwich, but he is taking nothing for granted.

"I have to prove myself all over again," he says. "When I moved to Everton there was a lot of competition for places. Bob Latchford and Brian Kidd were among a whole host of strikers."

"I had to work hard to prove I was good enough, but I am the sort of player that responds to a challenge."

"I expect to have to work hard and prove my worth at Albion. Particularly as the manager, Ron Wylie, wasn't here when I signed."

Time is running out for Eastoe to win silverware to fill a so far barren trophy cabinet.

"I get more determined to win something as the seasons pass," says Eastoe, who once confessed little more ambition than to finish a season with an ever-present record.

Eastoe started his career at nearby Wolves. He has a lot of friends and strong family ties in the Midlands.

"In that respect the move has proved to be a dream," says Eastoe. "I am looking forward to a successful spell at Albion and renewing a lot of friendships."

"Although I started at Wolves I have always had a soft spot for Albion. I used to watch them as a lad and now I aim to give as much pleasure to the supporters as I had."



Peter Eastoe is looking to maintain the goalscoring form he showed at Everton.

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SPURS players live in the shadow of past Championship winning teams, especially the 1961 'Double' team. That is why we are really desperate to win the First Division title.

Being realistic I suppose there are about nine other teams who, deep down, believe they have the squad and quality of players to do the same.

But we have already shown that we can be the best all-round team in the land. All that remains is for us to reach that standard more consistently.

Winning the F.A. Cup is without doubt something very special. Last season's two games with QPR were the highlights of my career.

I know people are now talking about us winning the Cup for an incredible third season on the trot. But we want our fans to know that we, the players, are not just a collection of successful Cup fighters.

Even without Ossie Ardiles, our squad is good enough to cope and

achieve our aims.

When you remember how much of last season we had to operate without the likes of Steve Archibald, Garth Crooks and Mark Falco it makes you wonder what we would have achieved with a more settled line-up.

To win the title you need a lot of things going in your favour as well as the obvious ability... an injury-free run, that little run of the ball in close games, the occasional benefit of the doubt from a referee. Given the half-chance, Spurs will go one better than an F.A. Cup hat-trick. We'll be League Champions.

Paul Price (back row, third left) has tasted Cup glory. Now he wants to win the League.

**Big
Kick-Off
Saturday,
28th August**

WITH the big kick-off now only a week away, five First Division clubs in particular must answer burning questions in the land.
MANCHESTER UNITED: Can they find the consistency and goals needed to challenge for the League Championship?
ARSENAL: Can Tony Woodcock help them lose that 'boring' tag?
SPURS: Are they aiming for League or Cup glory?
WATFORD: Are Graham Taylor's newcomers good enough to survive in their first season at the top?
SUNDERLAND: Is it going to be another battle for the North-East's only top representatives?
We put these questions to a player from each club.



Questions that must

**'No glory
— yet'**
**ROSS
JENKINS**
(Watford)

THIS season is the most important in Watford's history. And as a player who has now spent a whole decade at Vicarage Road, it represents something very special to me also.

Watford have never been in the First Division before. People will recognise our Cup 'giant killings' and question whether we can achieve the same success over a full season.

The obvious answer is 'No, of course not'. We are still a young side. I am probably the oldest player. We have lots to experience and lots to learn. But we have also got a very good habit — winning!

We have become used to winning over the past few seasons and the confidence and unity that winning establishes is one hell of an advantage.

We know we will be under pressure. But when we went down



to Division Four we were under pressure because other sides did not believe we deserved to be there, and treated us as a team from a higher level.

Now we will probably find that some people don't think we should be this high. Once again we will prove them wrong. But as for pulling up any trees and winning something, I doubt it. Give us a chance to find our First Division feet.

Those Cup games put us on show. Few people will be surprised by the way we play or, for example, by partnerships such as mine with Luther Blissett.

And what about Gerry Armstrong? He is now a household name and must expect tight marking and renewed respect.

We will give our fans another season to be proud of. But that does not mean the League title!

'K.O. for Liverpool'
ARTHUR ALBISTON
(Manchester United)



Albiston believes his United team-mate Bryan Robson is now one of the best players in Britain.



'Pride of the North-East'

SHAUN ELLIOTT (Sunderland)

THERE is no way that Sunderland will struggle again this season.

We were going through hell last season until we had a team meeting with the boss, Alan Durban. Players spoke their minds, a few harsh words were said around the room and young Colin West declared that he was the man to play at centre-forward.

There was no denying that at times, with Ally McCoist and Stan Cummins as our strike force, we had the smallest, most lightweight attack in the Division. It was a joke to see them up against

the likes of Dave Watson and Steve Foster.

Colin came in, started knocking in goals and, just as vital, knocked defences about so that the ball fell loose around the box.

We started scoring again, confidence flooded back and apart from one amazing 6-1 hammering at Coventry, we looked more like a team going for Europe than one trying to survive.

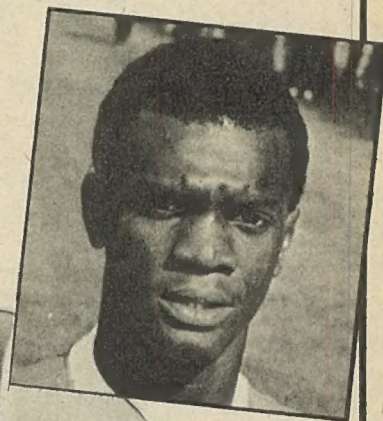
If we can maintain that spirit and attitude in the early part of this season we will be the pride of the North-East.

I see no genuine reason why, providing we play to our full capabilities and as a team, that we cannot challenge for a place in Europe.



'More fire for Gunners'

PAUL DAVIS (Arsenal)



be asked!

SETTling down has been the crux of all United's problems, but I believe we have learned about ourselves from last season and can definitely knock Champions Liverpool off their throne.

We finished third in the table despite a dreadful slump in mid-season when home form deserted us. The goals dried up — and that reflects on the whole side — and we ended up with one point instead of three far too often at Old Trafford.

But Ron Atkinson is no longer new at United; Bryan Robson, one of the best players in Britain, Ray Wilkins and Remi Moses are joined by Arnold Muhren from Ipswich. And he was one good reason why they won the U.E.F.A. Cup in 1981 and finished First Division runners-up last season.

Our fans have stood by us for ages. We've won the F.A. Cup and had brief flurry in Europe. But the title is the most important of all.

With Ron Atkinson's knowledge, the undoubted skill and flair in our squad and the backing of the Old Trafford fans we have three very strong reasons to believe that this time we can be more consistent and convert the chances we create into goals.

I really do not see a weak spot in our squad. Everyone will have to work hard to earn a first team place and that, too, is a good thing. It keeps us on our toes and aware of the price of failure.



Alan Sunderland (left) could benefit from Tony Woodcock's arrival at Arsenal.

will go up.

Unfortunately, it now looks likely that we won't be starting the new season with Vladimir Petrovic, Yugoslavia's World Cup star.

We were all stunned when we heard 'Vladi' wouldn't be allowed to play for us until the New Year, but we have enough quality to compensate for his absence.

Not many teams score against us. We took a lot of stick for this last season. Yet if we had scored a few more goals people would have hailed the team as being perfectly balanced and worthy of the title.

With the lessons learned from last season, and our organisation and discipline already established, we can certainly win a major honour this season. I am convinced, there will be more colour, sparkle and fire from The Gunners.

ARSENAL have the best defence in the League and the best coach, Don Howe, in England. Up to now all we lacked was the extra flair lost when Liam Brady and Frank Stapleton left Highbury.

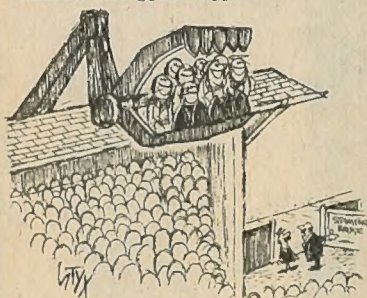
Well, we still have two of the best goalkeepers — Pat Jennings and George Wood — in Britain, we still have Ken Sansom and David O'Leary and we still have Don Howe. But in addition we have England striker Tony Woodcock from Cologne.

I believe that Tony will add an extra dimension to the Arsenal team. He seems to be the ideal partner for Alan Sunderland up front, and if they hit it off as a striking force, our goals-tally

FOOTBALL FUNNIES



"And when he started re-living the whole of the World Cup on his video something just snapped."



"Lock up now, Higgins. We don't want any gatecrashers."



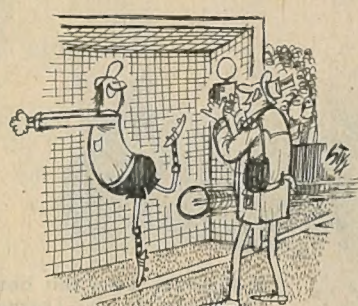
"I want you to practice passing a square ball."



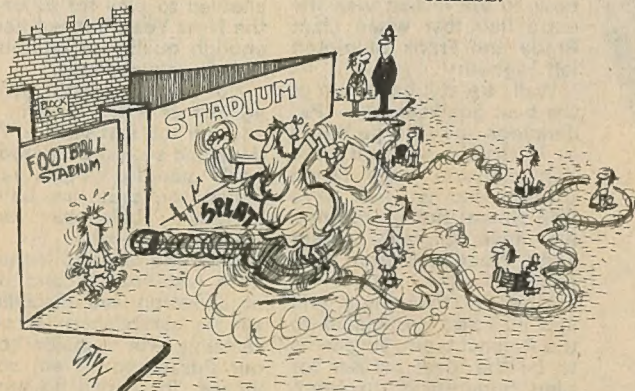
This week Sunderland striker Gary Rowell selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"I'm booking you for kicking a player when he wasn't in possession."



"That's it. Now... CHEESE!"



"Ever since the World Cup she's been football mad."

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Hodde's debut

When did Glenn Hoddle make his League debut for Spurs, and when did he score his first goal?

J. S. TYRRELL, WREXHAM

● He came on as sub for Cyril Knowles in the 2-2 home draw with Norwich on 30th August, 1975 — but had to wait until the following 21st February at Stoke for his first full game.

And, in it, Hoddle (below) blasted home the winner in a 2-1 scoreline.



Wembley oldie

I know Paul Allen became the youngest player in an F.A. Cup Final when he played for West Ham in 1980, but who was the oldest?

JAMES WATSON, WALLASEY

● Very early records aren't all that detailed, James, and in the bygone days of players in mutton-chop whiskers and long pants there just might have been someone even older.

But, as far as we can tell, the "Daddy of 'em all" was Willie Hampson — 41 years and eight months old when he starred at right-back for Newcastle in their 2-0 win over Villa in the 1924 Final.

Villa's 128 goals

Which team has scored the most goals in the English First Division in a season?

MICHAEL CAHILL, MANCHESTER

● Villa take that one, Michael — with 128 in their 42 games in the 1930-31 season.

And, would you believe it, they still finished-up seven points behind League Champions Arsenal.

The Gunners got only one goal less — while third-placed Sheffield Wednesday also knocked-up a "ton", and a couple of other sides got well into the 90's.

Tom Finney

My friend says Tom Finney played for both England and Northern Ireland. Is he having me on?

GREGORY HUNTER, CO. DERRY

● No, he's not, Gregory — though there is a bit of a "catch" in it.

Nowadays Tom Finney is gaining caps for your country of Northern Ireland, and was in their squad for the World Cup in Spain.

But, quite a while before that, the first Tom Finney was one of England's greatest stars — and played in 76 full internationals in the first dozen years after the War.

SHORT PASSES

● Ronnie Whelan signed for Liverpool from Home Farm, the Eire club, on 1st October, 1979.

(PAULA NESBITT, Banbury)

● Hartlepool conceded more than 100 League goals in four consecutive seasons from 1959-60 to 1962-63 (109, 103, 101, and 104).

(WILLIAM WEE, Singapore)

● Billy Bremner played 586 League games for Leeds, whose club-record is held by Jack Charlton with 629.

(ALEX COCKING, Australia)

● The first Wembley F.A. Cup Final in which extra-time was needed was in 1938 — when Preston beat Huddersfield 1-0 with a penalty in the last half-minute of that extra half-hour.

(KIRAN PATEL, Wolverhampton)

● West Ham's record win is 8-0 twice over — v. Rotherham, in Div Two, on 8th March, 1958; and v. Sunderland, in Div One, on 19th October, 1968 (Geoff Hurst scoring six goals).

(MICHELLE THOMPSON, Newport)

● Real Madrid won the European Cup in each of the first five years of its existence (1956 to 1960 inclusive), and then again in 1966. They were beaten Finalists in 1962, 1964 and 1981.

(JAIN CAMERON, Isle of Skye)

Short Passes are replies to readers' letters.

Cobblers' moves

I know Northampton had quite a few promotions and relegations during the 1960's. Can you tell me how they went?

NIGEL BLAIR, BRIGHTON

● "Quite a few" puts it mildly, Nigel. In fact, they seemed to be going up and down like a yo-yo throughout the decade.

Take a look at this:

1961 ... promoted to Div Three
1963 ... promoted to Div Two
1965 ... promoted to Div One
1966 ... relegated to Div Two
1967 ... relegated to Div Three
1969 ... relegated to Div Four.

Since then, too, they've been up from Fourth to Third in 1976, and back again in 1977.

Lawrie McMenemy

Did Lawrie McMenemy ever play for a League club, and which ones has he managed?

JULIAN HALL, NORWICH

● Although his football success has always been associated with the manager's hot-seat, Julian, big Lawrie was earlier a player with Newcastle and Gateshead.

As team-boss, he was in charge of Doncaster from 1968 to 1971; Grimsby till 1973; and Southampton ever since.

TERRY CURRAN'S ROCKET FOR BIG JACK



On his day, Curran was Wednesday's most devastating player last season (left), but a rift with manager Jack Charlton (above) has led to his recent move across Sheffield.

IT'S not often you'll hear a player say he's dropped down a Division to further his career.

But that's exactly how Terry Curran explains his move across Sheffield away from Second Division Wednesday to Third Division United.

"Even if Wednesday had been promoted to the First Division, as seemed likely for so long last season, I would still have left them," says Curran.

"Let's put it this way, it would have taken an awful lot of money to keep me at Hillsborough.

"I love Sheffield Wednesday. They should be a First Division club, and I know I'll hurt a lot of their fans by saying this, but I honestly believe that I am joining a more ambitious, more progressive club in United.

"The chairman Reg Brealey and manager Ian Porterfield impress me tremendously with their enthusiasm for the future at Bramall Lane. Nothing is going to stop them in their bid to take United right to the top.

"You only have to look at Bramall Lane today and it takes your breath away. It's not just the football that is being developed. There are plans for an international sports complex on the site, restaurants, supermarket, multi-purpose sports complex for all the family.

"I hope I'm part of the future. I'll certainly be doing my best, but if I

fail someone else will come in, such is the determination to be the best.

"That's the sort of attitude I like, and that's why I made a move I realise will be unpopular with half the city."

There is no doubt that Curran's defection has had bitter repercussions at Hillsborough, even after the tribunal had settled the fee at £100,000.

Jack Charlton fumed at that, no doubt recalling that not so long ago he rejected an Everton bid of half-a-million pounds for his most coveted player.

Wrangle

Last season seemed to be one long wrangle between Charlton and Curran, yet it wasn't really until he arrived at Hillsborough from Southampton for a record £100,000 in March, 1979, that the dark-haired winger really began to make his reputation.

Now the flak is flying Charlton has made the unworthy comment that Curran may do well for United because: "He is a Third Division player."

Yet in more rational moments the Wednesday manager will admit that Curran has more ability than anyone currently at his disposal, and that until the two of them had a row about the player's

Terry Curran teams up with Sheffield United manager Ian Porterfield. The dashing winger believes they can win Division Three.

role in his side, Curran had played magnificently for Wednesday.

That rift which cost Curran seven matches last season and was never healed is unlikely to be repeated at Bramall Lane. At his own insistence Curran has been guaranteed a "freer role" than he enjoyed at Hillsborough.

"I like Jack Charlton. He did a lot for me, but he wanted to restrict the way I played and I believe the team suffered as a result. I stopped scoring goals and I'm sure that was the reason.

"The trouble with the English game is that too many coaches want to stifle skill. I agree there has to be discipline within any team, but surely for the good of the game which is supposed to be all about entertainment we must encourage the players who can go past people.

"It was scandalous that Tony Morley did not go to Spain, and Peter Barnes should have played in

the World Cup Finals, too.

"Why is it that the players the crowds love to watch like Tony Currie, Alan Hudson, Peter Osgood, Frank Worthington, Rodney Marsh, Charlie George, Gordon Hill and Duncan McKenzie are always the ones who get left out of the international scene?

"It's because we have coaches who are frightened of them. Do you wonder they get disillusioned and go abroad?"

Curran is looking forward to playing alongside a number of established names who have already made their mark in the game and are now integral parts of the United Revolution: Colin Morris, Bob Hatton, Tony Kenworthy, Keith Edwards and another former Wednesday man Jeff King.

'Excited'

"There is a lot of skill and style about the side I'm joining and I'm excited at the prospect.

"I know people will say it's a backward step joining a Third Division side but I don't see it that way. United are a First Division club and that's where they're going.

"I honestly can't see anything to stop us, and don't worry about us playing at places like Plymouth, Exeter, Gillingham or Southend. They may be soccer outposts, but if you look at the record books you'll find that Terry Curran isn't the sort to pull out just because it's a game he doesn't fancy anywhere.

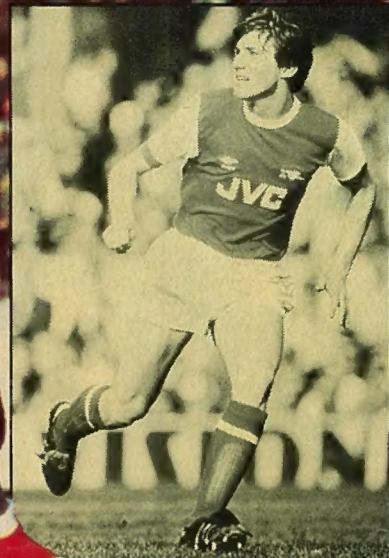
"I love playing soccer in snow, rain or any weather just because it's a game. I've a feeling it's going to be a great season — put your money on us now to win the Third Division Championship."



**Super
Focus**

CHRIS WHYTE

ARSENAL



Chris' Arsenal team-mate
Stewart Robson.

FULL NAME: Christopher Anderson Whyte
BIRTHPLACE: Islington, London
BIRTHDATE: September 2, 1961
HEIGHT: 6ft 2½ins
WEIGHT: 12st 7lbs
MARRIED: No — girlfriend Jennie
CAR: Hillman Hunter
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
JOB OR TRADE BEFORE:
TURNING PRO: I joined Arsenal straight from school
NICKNAME: 'Huggy'
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Daily Mirror
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Diego Maradona
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Stewart Robson
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Never really followed anybody else
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: I admired a few
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Table tennis
OTHER SPORTS PERSON YOU MOST ADMIRE: Bjorn Borg
YOUR BEST EVER ALL TIME XI: Jennings, Vogts, Moore, J. Charlton, Breitner, R. Charlton, Beckenbauer, Maradona, Best, Pele, Cruyff.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Against West Ham at Upton Park when I scored my first League goal in our 2-1 win last season.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Getting knocked out of the League Cup by Liverpool after eight straight wins
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: None
BEST STADIUM PLAYED IN: Ajax of Amsterdam
FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK: Steak, fresh orange juice
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES . . .
DISLIKES: Other sports . . . Travelling home after a defeat and waiting around

Chris' favourite player, Diego Maradona, in action for Argentina against England.



FAVOURITE SINGERS: Stevie Wonder, George Benson, Diana Ross
FAVOURITE ACTOR . . .
ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood and Susannah York
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Miami
BEST FILM SEEN RECENTLY: 'Play Misty For Me'
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Game For A Laugh
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: A lie in bed and then play some records
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Roger Thompson, Arsenal's former reserve manager, who always encouraged me to do extra. He's now in the USA. And my father, who always told me to give 100 per cent which I was determined to do. He also now lives in America
SUPERSTITIONS: Splash my face with cold water before going out
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: One England Under-21 cap
PERSONAL AMBITION: To gain more international honours and to be happy and successful in life
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Printing
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Something to do with football I hope
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Clint Eastwood

Chris Whyte

SHOOT!